



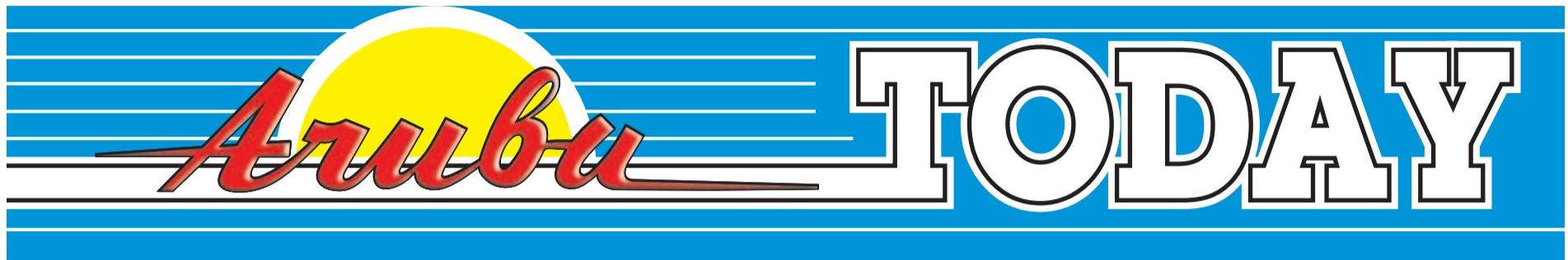
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# In The Pipeline

Tulips bloom in front of the Capitol in Washington. Supporters and opponents of the long-delayed Keystone XL oil pipeline are jockeying for position ahead of an expected U.S. Senate vote on legislation authorizing immediate construction of the project.

(AP Photo/J. David Ake)

## Keystone Backers, Opponents Ready Ahead Of Vote

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Supporters and opponents of the long-delayed Keystone XL oil pipeline from Canada jockeyed for position ahead of an expected U.S. Senate vote on legislation authorizing immediate construction of the project.

An oil industry group that supports the pipeline launched a five-state ad campaign aimed at undecided senators, while an environmental group mobilized activists to urge lawmakers to vote against any attempt to force President Barack Obama to decide

the pipeline's fate. Canada's leaders have pushed for the project's approval. The lobbying came as Democrats and Republicans argued over whether to allow a vote on a bipartisan bill to end years of delay and build the proposed pipeline from Canada's oil

sands through the central United States.

The proposed pipeline would carry oil from western Canada to Nebraska, where it eventually would reach Gulf Coast refineries. Supporters say it would create thousands of jobs and help the U.S. move closer

to a goal of energy independence. Opponents say the project would create few permanent jobs and reinforce the nation's use of an energy source that worsens global warming.

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**Ukraine:****Elite forces sent to protect Odessa**

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Associated Press

ODESSA, Ukraine (AP) —

Ukraine sent an elite national guard unit to its southern port of Odessa, desperate to halt a spread of the fighting between government troops and a pro-Russia militia in the east that killed combatants on both sides Monday.

The government in Kiev intensified its attempts to bring both regions back under its control, but seemed particularly alarmed by the bloodshed in Odessa. It had been largely peaceful until Fri-

day, when clashes killed 46 people, many of them in a government building that was set on fire.

The tensions in Ukraine also raised concerns in neighboring Moldova, another former Soviet republic, where the government said late Monday it had put its borders on alert. Moldova's breakaway Trans-Dniester region, located just northwest of Odessa and home to 1,500 Russian troops, is supported by Moscow, and many of its residents sympathize with the pro-Russia insurgency.

The loss of Odessa — in

addition to a swath of industrial eastern Ukraine — would be catastrophic for the interim government in Kiev, leaving the country cut off from the Black Sea. Ukraine already lost a significant part of its coastline in March, when its Crimean Peninsula was annexed by Russia.

Compared with eastern Ukraine, Odessa is a wealthy city with an educated and ethnically diverse population of more than 1 million. Jews still make up 12 percent of the population of the city, which once had a large Jewish community. □



**Pro-Russian activists convey captured fire service employees to the regional administration building in the city of Donetsk, Eastern Ukraine, Monday, May 5, 2014. Ukraine sent an elite national guard unit to re-establish control Monday over the southern port of Odessa and government troops fought pitched gunbattles with a pro-Russia militia around an eastern city.**

(AP Photo/Evgeniy Maloletka)

**Boko Haram claims responsibility for kidnappings**

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**DAKAR, Senegal** - In a video message apparently made by the leader of Nigeria's Islamist group Boko Haram, Abubakar Shekau claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of hundreds of schoolgirls nearly three weeks ago, called the girls slaves and threatened to "sell them in the market, by Allah."

"Western education should end," Shekau said in the 57-minute video, speaking in Hausa and Arabic. "Girls, you should go and get married." The Islamist leader also warned that he would "give their hands in

marriage because they are our slaves. We would marry them out at the age of nine. We would marry them out at the age of 12," he said. The message was received by news agencies in Nigeria on Monday and is similar to previous videos purportedly from Boko Haram. It is the first time the group has claimed responsibility for the kidnappings, which have gripped Nigeria, ignited a rare anti-government protest movement and embarrassed the government of President Goodluck Jonathan, who has so far been unable to rescue any of the teenage girls. They were abducted from their

school in a remote corner of northeastern Nigeria on April 14. By some counts 276 remain missing. The incident is the latest assault by Boko Haram, which has committed dozens of massacres of civilians in its five-year insurgency in Nigeria's north with the aim to destabilize and ultimately overthrow the Nigerian government. Earlier this year, for instance, more than 50 teenage boys were slaughtered - some burned alive - at a government school in the north. That incident, like many others, was quickly forgotten in Nigeria and was barely noticed outside of it. □

**LATIN AMERICAN BRIEFS****Canadian plane crashes in the Andes**

**BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)** — Colombian authorities said Monday they had located a Canadian-registered aircraft that crashed high in the Andes in northeastern Colombia. Two people aboard, both Canadians, were killed. Rescue workers struggled over the weekend to reach the twin-engine Piper PA-31 Navajo because of poor visibility at the remote, high-altitude site about 140 miles (225 kilometers) where it crashed on Saturday. It was not clear what led to the accident involving the plane, whose registry matched one belonging to Regina, Saskatchewan-based Oracle Geoscience International, which does aerial surveys for mining companies. The civil aviation authority identified the victims as Peter Moore, a co-founder of the company, and Neville Ribeiro, who was registered as the plane's pilot. □

**Argentina knocking out tax evaders**

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP)** — Argentina's tax agency says it used a boxing match in Las Vegas to identify 17 tax evaders. The agency released a statement Monday titled "A Knockout for Taxpayers." It said it is investigating people who claimed to have small incomes while paying up to \$7,500 each to travel to Nevada to watch Saturday's fight between world welterweight champion Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Argentine boxer Marcos Maidana. The agency says those 17 people have since been removed from a list of low-income Argentines and must now pay taxes consistent with their large expenses. It says one also has a \$150,000 Porsche. The agency says it will now enforce stricter controls on Argentines attending sporting events abroad, including the soccer World Cup in Brazil that kicks off on June 12. □

**Police on patrol ahead of World Cup**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — Increasing assaults in this city that will host several matches during next month's World Cup forced officials to implement part of a security plan early and put an extra 2,000 police in the street starting Monday. Adding more beat police was in the works, but authorities weren't planning to put them on the street until much closer to the start of the tournament on June 12. "We've really perceived an increase in crimes, we've seen a gradual increase since the second half of last year," said Rio state security head Jose Beltrame. "As of Monday we're putting all police in the street in an effort to lessen these crimes." In March, muggings in the area around the Maracana football stadium doubled when compared to the same month the previous year, according to the O Globo newspaper. □

**Venezuela extradites drug trafficker**

**CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)** — Venezuela's government has extradited to Italy a convicted drug trafficker on the run from his native country for almost two decades. Officials say 65-year-old Vito Genco was arrested last month near a shopping center in Valencia. They say he was convicted in absentia by an Italian appeals court in the mid-1990s of helping smuggle 11 tons of cocaine from Colombia. Venezuelan authorities didn't say how long Genco was in the country or what he was doing there. The United States has long accused Venezuela's socialist government of not cooperating in the war on drugs. But President Nicolas Maduro has said drug busts have multiplied since his predecessor, Hugo Chavez, ended cooperation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in 2005. □

# US: Single plane caused LA airports shutdown

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Electronic data from a single plane's flight plan confused the software for the primary air traffic control system around Los Angeles last week, affecting hundreds of flights,

according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

When that system failed, a backup helped safely guide flights already in the air, but hundreds of planes across the nation headed for Southern California were ordered not to take off Wednesday as an air traffic control facility north of Los Angeles effectively rebooted.

The Pentagon confirmed Monday that an Air Force U-2 spy plane was conducting training operations in the area.

It is not unusual for a U-2 to operate in the region, and the necessary flight plan

had been submitted for the high-flying plane, Col. Steve Warren said.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford would not specify whether the flight plan that caused the issue was that of the U-2.

"It was an individual flight plan, and the issue had to do with the way it was coded," he said.

Since the incident, the FAA has been analyzing what went wrong with its En Route Automation Modernization system.

The computer system, known as ERAM, allows air traffic controllers at several dozen "en route centers" around the country to identify and direct planes at high altitudes.

The Los Angeles en route center is located at the Palmdale Regional Airport near Los Angeles. □

## Clip suspected in circus accident

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**Associated Press**

**PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP)** — Investigators suspect that a snapped clip sent eight acrobats plummeting to the ground during a daring U.S. performance, an experience one injured performer's family compared to a "plunge into darkness."

The clip, a common type called a carabiner that's used for everything from rock climbing to holding keyrings, was one of several pieces at the top of a chandelier-like apparatus that suspended the performers in the air, fire officials said. After the accident, the steel clip was found in three pieces on the ground, with its spine snapped.

Providence Public Safety Commissioner Steven Pare stopped short of saying the carabiner caused Sunday's accident at the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey circus, witnessed by about 3,900 people, many of them children. The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is trying to make a final determination.

"We don't know if it was

metal fatigue, if it wasn't properly positioned or something else," Pare said. "We just don't know."

Two of the acrobats were in critical condition Monday, and all eight were still hospitalized with injuries including a pierced liver and neck and back fractures, as well as head injuries. None of the injuries appeared to be life-threatening, said Stephen Payne, a spokesman for Feld Entertainment, Ringling's parent company.

The women are from the United States, Brazil, Bulgaria and Ukraine, the circus said. A dancer on the ground was also injured and was released from the hospital Sunday.

"We are hopeful that all of these performers will achieve a full recovery and be able to return to the show at some point," Payne said.

Roitner Neves, the father of one of the injured women, Widny Neves, said she broke her right arm and suffered back and neck fractures. Widny Neves was in the center of the apparatus and was upside down when it fell, her father said. "It was like a plunge into darkness," he said. □



Aircraft await on the runway to take off at the Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles. Flights from airports in the Los Angeles area were grounded for more than an hour last week due to computer failure at an air traffic control facility in the region.

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# Keystone backers, opponents ready ahead of vote

**C**ontinued from Front

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has said he is open to a stand-alone vote on a pipeline bill, although some Republicans said the vote should occur as an amendment to energy efficiency legislation that could reach the Senate floor as soon as Tuesday.

Republican senators have prepared amendments to the efficiency bill, including one that would block the Environmental Protection Agency from imposing rules limiting greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants.

Lawmakers from both parties also support a measure to speed approval of



Shane Red Hawk of the Sioux Tribe from South Dakota, center, rides a horse with other Native Americans, farmers, ranchers and cowboys, during "Reject and Protect" rally to protest against the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, looking toward the Capitol in Washington.

(AP Photo/Manuel Balce Ceneta)

terminals to export liquefied natural gas, another complication as Reid and other Democratic leaders

consider when and how to allow a vote on the energy efficiency bill.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, a Republican, said it was important to include Keystone and other issues in the bipartisan energy efficiency bill.

"We should be having a debate about how to develop policies that can actually lead to lower utility

bills for squeezed families, put people back to work America's coal country ... and lead to a more effective use of North American energy supplies," McConnell said on the Senate floor, noting that the Senate has not approved a comprehensive energy bill since 2007.

Meanwhile, the American Petroleum Institute, the oil industry's top lobbying group, announced it has begun TV, radio and online ads promoting the pipeline in five states: Colorado, Delaware, Minnesota, New Mexico and South Dakota. The ads urge senators in those states—including at least three Democrats who are publicly undecided—to approve the Keystone XL pipeline.

An environmental group was organizing a blitz of Democratic senators by email, telephone and in-person protests.

Pipeline supporters "are advertising on TV, while we are out on the streets," said Jason Kowalski, policy director for 350.org, an environmental group that opposes the pipeline. □

## First U.S. MERS patient could leave hospital for home soon

**TOM COYNE**  
**Associated Press**

**MUNSTER, Indiana (AP)** — Health officials said Monday they expect the first patient in the United States diagnosed with a mysterious virus from the Middle East to be released soon from a hospital, though he could continue to be isolated at home.

The man has been hospitalized at a hospital in Indiana state since April 28. Officials said he fell ill with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, or MERS, after flying to the U.S. last month from Saudi Arabia, where he is a health care worker. Overall, at least 400 people have had the respiratory illness, and more than 100 people have died. All had ties to the Middle East region or to people who traveled there.

Officials say it isn't highly contagious, but there is no cure.

MERS belongs to the coronavirus family that includes the common cold and SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which caused some 800 deaths globally in 2003.

The patient in the U.S. is an American citizen, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Monday.

Indiana State Department of Health Commissioner William VanNess II said during a news conference with officials from the hospital and CDC on Monday that no health workers or family members who've had contact with the patient have tested positive for the virus. The virus has an incubation period of two to fourteen days. □



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## Supreme Court allows prayers at town meetings

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**WASHINGTON** - The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that a town in upstate New York did not violate the Constitution by starting its public meetings with a prayer from a "chaplain of the month" who was almost always Christian.

Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, writing for the majority in a 5-4 decision that divided the court's more conservative members from its liberal ones, said the prayers were merely ceremonial. They were neither unduly sectarian nor likely to make members of other faiths feel unwelcome.

"Ceremonial prayer," he wrote, "is but a recognition that, since this nation was founded and until the present day, many Americans deem that their own existence must be understood by precepts far beyond that authority of government to alter or define."

In dissent, Justice Elena Kagan said the town's practices could not be reconciled "with the First Amendment's promise that every citizen, irrespective of her religion, owns an equal share of her government." Town officials in Greece, New York, near Rochester, said that members of all faiths, and atheists, were welcome to give the opening prayer. In practice, however, almost all of the chaplains were Christian. Some of their prayers were explicitly sectarian, with references, for instance, to "the saving sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross."

Two town residents sued, saying the prayers ran afoul of the First Amendment's prohibition of government establishment of religion. They said the prayers offended them and, in Kennedy's words,

"made them feel excluded and disrespected."

But Kennedy said the relevant constitutional question was not whether they were offended. "Adults often encounter speech they find disagreeable," he

wrote.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justice Samuel A. Alito Jr. joined all of Kennedy's opinion, and Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas most of it.

Town officials had tried, he said, to recruit members of various faiths to offer prayers.

In dissent, Kagan said they had not tried hard enough. "So month in and month out for over a decade," she

wrote, "prayers steeped in only one faith, addressed toward members of the public, commenced meetings to discuss local affairs and distribute government benefits."

In 1983, in *Marsh v. Chambers*, the Supreme Court upheld the Nebraska Legislature's practice of opening its legislative sessions with an invocation from a paid Presbyterian minister, saying that such ceremonies were "deeply embedded in the history and tradition of this country."

Kagan, joined by Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Stephen G. Breyer and Sonia Sotomayor, said the case from Greece was different. The prayers at the town board meetings were often explicitly sectarian, they said, and residents were forced to listen to them in order to participate in local government. □



A guard outside the Supreme Court in Washington, May 5, 2014. The Supreme Court on Monday ruled that Greece, a town in upstate New York, did not violate the Constitution by starting its meetings with a prayer from a "chaplain of the month" who was almost always Christian.

(Stephen Crowley/The New York Times)

## Crackdown on US nuns continues under Francis

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AP Religion Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The Vatican official overseeing the crackdown on the largest umbrella group for U.S. nuns is pressing forward with the overhaul under Pope Francis.

Cardinal Gerhard Mueller, the Vatican orthodoxy watchdog, reprimanded officers of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious for planning to honor a theologian who had been criticized by U.S. bishops and said the sisters must show more willingness to cooperate.

Mueller made the remarks in a meeting last Wednesday with the group's leaders in Rome. He apologized repeatedly for speaking so bluntly, while reminding the sisters their organiza-

tion held its status within the church only through Vatican approval.

"The LCWR, as a canonical entity dependent on the Holy See, has a profound obligation to the promotion of that faith as the essential foundation of religious life," Mueller said, according to a copy of his speech posted Monday on the Vatican website. "We are looking for a clearer expression of that ecclesial vision and more substantive signs of collaboration."

The nuns' group said in a brief statement Monday that the meeting with Mueller and his staff was "respectful and engaging," but the sisters would not comment further. The cardinal's remarks were first reported by The National Catholic Reporter.

The reform order was issued in 2012 under now-retired Pope Benedict XVI, after an investigation concluded the nuns' group had taken positions that undermined Roman Catholic teaching on the priesthood and homosexuality while promoting "radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith."

Investigators praised the nuns' humanitarian work, but accused them of focusing too much on social justice and ignoring critical issues, such as fighting abortion.

The nuns' group rejected the Vatican findings as "flawed" and based on "unsubstantiated accusations." Some sisters had hoped for a new approach under Pope Francis, a Jesuit who has stressed mercy

over morals and has made social justice issues his top priority.

In last week's meeting, Mueller, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said he supported the conclusions of the Vatican review.

"The issues raised in the assessment are so central and so foundational, there is no other way of discussing them except as constituting a movement away from the ecclesial center of faith in Christ Jesus the Lord," Mueller said.

The Leadership Conference, which represents about 80 percent of U.S. nuns, plans to give its outstanding leadership award to Sister Elizabeth Johnson, a theologian and author of "Quest for the Living God." □

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## Dunkin' Donuts readies to do battle in Europe

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**WASHINGTON/AMSTERDAM (AP)** — The doughnut, that classic deep-fried American snack, is going forth to do battle with European national treats in their homelands: the Belgian waffle, the Austrian strudel and the Danish ... Danish.

After beating a retreat in the 1990s, American restaurant chain Dunkin' Donuts has been quietly building up its presence in Europe and now has 120 outlets, mostly in Germany but also in Russia, Spain, Bulgaria and most recently, Britain.

Dunkin' Donuts' head of international development Jeremy Vitaro says that the company is now looking to open stores in Denmark, Austria, Belgium and the Netherlands. Despite the weak European economy, it thinks customers have money to spend.

"They're sophisticated, and they're culturally very open (to trying new foods)," he said.

Dunkin' Donuts' mainstays are doughnuts and coffee, along with muffins and

more solid lunch foods, such as bagels. Then the chain offers variations to please local tastes.

In London, where the chain has recently opened three shops, it sells a savory snack



This photo provided by Dunkin' Donuts on Monday, May 5, 2014 shows a selection of the doughnuts they sell. The restaurant chain Dunkin' Donuts is testing whether that deep-fried classic American snack, the doughnut, can compete successfully against entrenched competition from some of the world's most famous sweet snacks in their own homelands, including the waffle in Belgium, apple strudel in Austria and the Danish in Denmark.

(AP Photo/Dunkin' Donuts)

called "Bacon Buttie," as well as porridge.

Is that porridge as in, well, oatmeal?

"Hot cereal, yes," Vitaro says. "We also do a Crois-trami sandwich, that's a pastrami croissant. So we do localize. We have a curry doughnut in India."

Joost Kling, a Dutch food industry entrepreneur, thinks the chain will face something of an uphill battle in the Netherlands.

"They don't have much name recognition, if any," he said. "I think a lot will depend on their staying power." He wondered about the willingness of the firm to advertise and lose money for a time when stores first open.

Kling has some experience going the opposite direction. His company, "Eat Dutch Waffles," has brought the Dutch delicacy known as "stroopwafel" — a hot waffle cookie filled with syrup — into 1,000

American stores and bakeries.

He guessed around a half of Dutch people know what doughnuts are, but most have only tried low-quality versions on offer in grocery stores.

"A stroopwafel tastes very different when it's fresh, and it's the same for a doughnut," he said. Europeans "won't really have any basis for value comparison: they don't know what makes a good doughnut."

In addition, Europeans may feel attachment to their own local delicacies.

In Belgium, the Brussels waffle is light and fluffy and dusted with powdered sugar, while in Liege they're heavier and sweeter, with caramelized sugar. The "Belgian Waffle" topped with powdered sugar, strawberries and a flourish of whipped cream is probably an American invention. It's popular in Scandinavia. □

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## Coke, Pepsi dropping 'BVO' from all drinks

**CANDICE CHOI**

**AP Food Industry Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Coca-Cola and PepsiCo said Monday they're working to remove a controversial ingredient from all their drinks, including Mountain Dew, Fanta and Powerade. The ingredient, called brominated vegetable oil, had been the target of petitions on Change.org by a Mississippi teenager who wanted it out of PepsiCo's Gatorade and Coca-Cola's Powerade. In her petitions, Sarah Kavanagh noted that the ingredient has been patented as a flame retardant and isn't approved for use in Japan and the European Union. Coca-Cola and PepsiCo

have stood by the safety of the ingredient, which is used to distribute flavors more evenly in fruit-flavored drinks. But their decisions reflect the pressure companies are facing as people pay closer attention to ingredient labels and try to stick to diets they feel are natural. Several major food makers have recently changed their recipes to remove chemicals or dyes that people find objectionable. While food companies stress that the ingredients meet regulatory requirements, their decisions reflect how marketing a product as "natural" has become priority and a competitive advantage. PepsiCo had said last year

that it would remove brominated vegetable oil from Gatorade. On Monday, the company said it has since been working to remove it from the rest of its products. PepsiCo also uses BVO in its Mountain Dew and Amp energy drinks. The company, based in Purchase, New York, didn't provide a timeline for when it expects the removal to be complete.

Earlier on Monday, Coca-Cola had also said that it's removing the ingredient from all its drinks to be consistent in the ingredients it uses around the world. In addition to Powerade, Coca-Cola uses BVO in some flavors of Fanta, Fresca and several citrus-flavored fountain drinks. □



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### US Financial Front:

## American service firms grow at fastest pace since August

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. service firms grew last month at the fastest pace since August as new orders and sales grew, adding to evidence that the economy is picking up after a slow start to the year. The Institute for Supply Management said Monday that its service-sector index rose to 55.2 from 53.1 in March. Any reading above 50 indicates expansion. The ISM is a trade group of purchasing executives.

The figures come after a healthy jobs report on Friday also fueled hopes for an improving economy. The government said employers added 288,000 jobs in April, the most in 2 1/2 years, and the unemployment rate fell to 6.3 percent.

The jobs report wasn't all positive, however. The rate fell mostly because fewer people began looking for work. The government doesn't count people as unemployed unless they are actively searching for a job. And the jobs figures showed that wages were flat last month.

Still, the better services and hiring data represent a turnaround after the government said last week that the economy barely expanded in the first three months of the year. Harsh winter weather kept shoppers away from the malls and dragged down home and auto sales. But spending and hiring has rebounded as the weather has improved.

A measure of sales and production in the ISM report surged 7.5 points to 60.9 and a gauge of new orders jumped 4.8 points to 58.2. Both are the highest

since August. The increase in new orders suggests business will continue growing in the coming months.

The report is "more evidence of growth reaccelerating after exaggerated weakness a couple of months ago," said Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics.

The survey covers businesses that employ 90 percent of the workforce, including retail, construction, health care and financial services firms.

A gauge of employment declined, though remained above 50. That indicates that services firms are adding jobs, but more slowly.

The ISM report contributed to a turnaround on Wall Street.

The Dow Jones industrial average had fallen about 80 points before the data was released, but was up by a point around noon.

Anthony Nieves, chairman of the ISM's services survey committee, said the healthier picture mostly reflects solid increases in consumer demand. But the better spring weather also helped. One survey respondent in the hotel and restaurant industry said that business picked up because of a "break in the weather."

Solid job creation has made Americans a bit more confident and more willing to spend. Consumer spending jumped in March by the most in 4 1/2 years, as Americans bought more cars, clothes and furniture. More spending contributed to widespread growth among the service industries tracked by the survey. Fourteen of the eighteen industries expanded last



Ryan Peterson prepares french fries at a Dick's Drive-In restaurant in Seattle. The Institute for Supply Management, a group of purchasing managers, issued its index of non-manufacturing activity for April on Monday, May 5, 2014. U.S. service firms grew last month at the fastest pace since August as new orders and sales grew, adding to evidence that the economy is picking up after a slow start to the year.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

month, including arts, entertainment and recreation; retail; construction; hotels and restaurants; shipping and warehousing; finance; and real estate. The industries that contracted were mining; health care; profession, scientific and technical services; and other ser-

vices.

A separate report by the ISM last week showed that manufacturing also grew at a faster pace in April. And a measure of hiring jumped to its highest level since December.

The economy expanded at a paltry 0.1 percent annual

rate in the first three months of the year. But analysts are much more optimistic about the April-June quarter. Economists at Bank of America Merrill Lynch on Friday boosted their forecast for second-quarter growth to 3.6 percent from 3.2 percent. □

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# Miami looks beyond beaches and bikinis to tech

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**Associated Press**

**MIAMI (AP)**—Famed for its beaches, cruises and cafecitos, South Florida is now angling to become one of the next U.S. tech hot spots by leveraging its role as the gateway to Latin America and luring northern entrepreneurs with cheap living costs and lots of sun. The region in and around Miami has long pinned its financial fortunes on real estate and banking, but a combination of factors—the recent recession that shook those economic drivers coupled with an increase in cloud computing, the rapid growth of mobile devices in Latin America, and the area's vast health care industry—now have civic leaders and local entrepreneurs making a push to diversify into the tech industry.

"We're not trying to replicate what other tech hubs are doing. We want to complement them," said Daniel LaFuente, a 26-year-old Miami native who co-founded the new, open workspace and tech

training center Lab Miami. "Miami is a place that provides its own benefits: lower costs of living, no income

sylvania graduates had returned to their hometown but found few innovative business opportunities. So

school OpenEnglish, feted the region's top 100 tech movers and at his poolside South Beach condo.

thanks in part to \$2 million from Knight.

Michael McCord, co-founder of the online training platform LearnerNation, is being vetted by Endeavor.

"There's a lot of money down here in Miami, but there's not a culture of investing in tech," McCord said. He believes the nonprofit's presence and rigorous screening will improve investor confidence.

Coming to Miami was about finding the right fit, says Andres Moreno, head of OpenEnglish. Moreno launched his company in 2007 in Caracas to provide live, one-on-one English classes with native speakers via computer but says few Latin Americans were willing to invest. So he headed to Silicon Valley, sleeping months on a friend's outdoor balcony

until he came away with \$2 million. But by then he'd decided to move to Miami. Silicon investors were focused on the U.S. Hispanic market, he said. They couldn't understand why Venezuelan or Colombian professionals would pay \$80 a month for classes when they could download cheap language apps.

"That works in the U.S. where people want to learn some vocabulary," he said. "In Latin America where people really want to learn to speak, you can't do that without a person on the other end." OpenEnglish has since garnered some \$120 million in investments. Moreno said getting on a plane to visit the company's clients and service centers scattered throughout Latin America is far more convenient from Miami than it was from Silicon Valley.

"What I see here in the future are more tech enabled services. We may not invent the hardware technology," he said, "But we have those street smart people who understand what folks want and how to provide it."

County Commissioner Juan Zapata says local government needs to do more than cheerlead. □



In this photo, members work at The LAB Miami, a new tech focused collaborative space in the Wynwood Arts District of Miami.

(Associated Press)

taxes, the proximity to Latin America and the beach." Two years ago, the idea of a tech hub in Miami seemed a longshot to LaFuente and his partner Wifredo Fernandez. The recent University of Penn-

they created their own in a small room in Miami's gritty Wynwood Arts District, a place where freelance web designers and startup entrepreneurs rent space, meet and collaborate.

Much has changed in just a short time. The non-profit John S. and James L. Knight Foundation is helping spearhead efforts draw the tech industry to Miami, committing \$6 million in the last 18 months to an array of projects.

"In Miami there are enormous disconnects," Knight Foundation Program Director Matt Haggman said. "If you are an entrepreneur and you want to connect with an investor, where do you go? To date it's been you're really on your own." On a recent evening inside the mural splashed former warehouse that now houses Lab Miami, more than 100 young professionals, tech geeks and artists roamed between a 3D printer demo on one side and a bilingual review of the latest fashion industry apps on the other. Nearby, civic minded coders huddled, tapping out ways to improve city services.

Meanwhile, across Miami's Biscayne Bay, the Venezuelan founder of the tech-based English-language

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# UN: Spread of polio now a world health emergency

**MARIA CHENG**

**AP Medical Writer**

**LONDON (AP)** — For the first time ever, the World Health Organization on Monday declared the spread of polio an international public health emergency that could grow in the next few months and unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate the crippling disease.

The agency described current polio outbreaks across at least 10 countries in Asia, Africa and the Middle East as an "extraordinary event" that required a coordinated international response. It identified Pakistan, Syria and Cameroon as having allowed the virus to spread beyond their borders, and recommended that those three governments require citizens to obtain a certificate proving they have been vaccinated for polio before traveling abroad.

"Until it is eradicated, polio will continue to spread internationally, find and paralyze susceptible kids," Dr. Bruce Aylward, who leads WHO's polio efforts, said during a press briefing.

Critics, however, questioned whether Monday's announcement would make much of a difference, given the limits faced by governments confronting not only polio but armed insurrection and widespread poverty.

"What happens when you continue whipping a horse to go ever faster, no matter how rapidly he is already running?" said Dr. Donald A. Henderson, who led the WHO's initiative to get rid of smallpox, the only human disease ever to have been eradicated.

The WHO has never before issued an international alert on polio, a disease that usually strikes children under 5 and is most often spread through infected water. There is no specific cure, but several vaccines exist.

Experts are particularly concerned that polio is re-emerging in countries previously free of the disease, such as Syria, Somalia and Iraq, where civil war or unrest now complicates ef-

orts to contain the virus. It is happening during the traditionally low season for the spread of polio, leaving experts worried that cases could spike as the weather becomes warmer and wetter in the coming months across the northern hemisphere.

The vast majority of new cases are in Pakistan, a country which an independent monitoring board set up by the WHO has called "a powder keg that could ignite widespread polio transmission."

Dozens of polio workers have been killed over the last two years in Pakistan, where militants accuse them of spying for the U.S. government. Those suspicions stem at least partly from the disclosure that the CIA used a Pakistani doctor to uncover Osama bin Laden's hideout by trying to get blood samples from his family under the guise of a hepatitis vaccination program. U.S. commandos killed the al-Qaida leader in May 2011 in the Pakistani garrison town of Abbottabad.

At the end of last month, there were 68 confirmed polio cases worldwide, compared with just 24 at the same time last year. In 2013, polio reappeared in Syria, sparking fears the civil war there could ignite a wider outbreak as refugees flee to other countries across the region.

In February, the WHO found that polio had also returned to Iraq, where it spread from neighboring Syria. It is also circulating in Afghanistan (where it spread from Pakistan) and Equatorial Guinea (from neighboring Cameroon) as well as Nigeria, Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya.

Officials also worry countries torn by conflict, such as Ukraine, Sudan and the Central African Republic, are ripe for polio reinfection. Some critics say it may even be time to accept that polio may not be eradicated, since the deadline to wipe out the disease has already been missed several times. The ongoing effort costs about \$1 billion a year. □



A Pakistani health worker gives a child a polio vaccine in Lahore, Pakistan, Monday, May 5, 2014. For the first time, the World Health Organization on Monday declared the spread of polio an international public health emergency that could grow in the next few months and unravel the nearly three-decade effort to eradicate the crippling disease.

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## Egypt's el-Sissi says Brotherhood will not return

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Associated Press

**CAIRO (AP)** — Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, the former military chief who removed Egypt's Islamist president and who is now considered certain to become the next president in elections this month, said the Muslim Brotherhood will never return as an organization, accusing it of using militant groups to destabilize the country.

El-Sissi spoke in the first TV interview of his campaign, aired Monday, vowing that restoring stability and bringing development were his priorities.

The comments were a seemingly unequivocal rejection of any political reconciliation with the Brotherhood, which was Egypt's most powerful political force until el-Sissi removed President Mohammed Morsi last summer.

Since ousting Morsi, el-Sissi



In this image made from video broadcast on Egypt's State Television, Egypt's retired Field Marshal Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi listens to a question during an interview in a nationally televised program in Cairo, Egypt, Monday, May 5, 2014. Former army chief Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said that he decided to run for president of Egypt because of the "threats" facing the country, speaking in the first TV interview of his campaign.

(AP Photo/Egypt's State Television)

has been riding an overwhelming media frenzy lauding him as Egypt's savior, and his status as the country's strongest figure all but guarantees him a

victory in the May 26-27 election. El-Sissi's only opponent in the race is leftist politician Hamdeen Sabahi, the third-place finisher in the 2012 election won by

Morsi.

El-Sissi, who retired from the military in March with the rank of field marshal to launch his candidacy, heads toward office at a time of deepened polarization.

Morsi's supporters have continued protests against the new government, often met by fierce and lethal clashes with security forces. Hundreds have been killed and more than 16,000 members of the Brotherhood and other Islamists have been arrested. Clashes have waned, but the government has branded the Brotherhood a terrorist organization.

At the same time, Islamic militant groups have claimed responsibility for a string of bombings and shootings against police and the military in retaliation for Morsi's removal. In the joint interview with two private Egyptian TV stations, el-Sissi directly ac-

cused the Brotherhood of being behind the campaign of bombings and shootings.

He said the movement is using Islamic militant groups as a "cover, to fight from behind this or that group."

Asked whether the group will no longer exist under his presidency, el-Sissi replied, "Yes. Just like that."

"It's not me that finished it, the Egyptians have. The problem is not with me," he said.

He said the Brotherhood's ideology was based on "arrogance in religion" — and the presence of that strain of thought had destabilized Egyptian society for decades.

"The thought structure of these groups says that we are not true Muslims, and they believed conflict was inevitable because we are non-believers," he said. "It will not work for there to be such thinking again." □

## Malaysian plane's likely flight path gets 2nd look

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Associated Press

**SYDNEY (AP)** — An international panel of experts will re-examine all data gathered in the nearly two-month hunt for the missing Malaysia jet to ensure search crews who have been scouring a desolate patch of ocean for the plane have been looking in the right place, officials said Monday.

Senior officials from Malaysia, Australia and China met in the Australian capital to hash out the details of the next steps in the search

for Malaysia Airlines Flight 370, which will center on an expanded patch of seafloor in the Indian Ocean off Western Australia.

The area became the focus of the hunt after a team of analysts calculated the plane's likeliest flight path based on satellite and radar data.

Starting Wednesday, that data will be re-analyzed and combined with all information gathered thus far in the search, which hasn't turned up a single piece of debris despite crews scouring more than 4.6 million

square kilometers (1.8 million square miles) of ocean. "We've got to this stage of the process where it's very sensible to go back and have a look at all of the data that has been gathered, all of the analysis that has been done and make sure there's no flaws in it, the assumptions are right, the analysis is right and the deductions and conclusions are right," Angus Houston, head of the search operation, told reporters in Canberra.

Investigators have been stymied by a lack of hard

data since the plane vanished on March 8 during a flight from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing.

A weeklong search for surface debris was called off last week after officials determined any wreckage that may have been floating was likely sunk.

"Unfortunately, all of that effort has found nothing," Australian Transport Minister Warren Truss said.

"We've been confident on the basis of the information provided that the search area was the right one, but in practice,

that confidence has not been converted into us discovering any trace of the aircraft."

Houston has warned that the underwater search may drag on for up to a year.

Houston and Truss met with Malaysian Defense Minister Hishammuddin Hussein and Chinese Transport Minister Yang Chuantang in Canberra on Monday to map out the next steps of the underwater search, which will focus on a 60,000 square kilometer (23,000 square mile) patch of seafloor. □

# Israel honors war dead with somber Memorial Day

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Israel came to a standstill on Monday as sirens wailed across the country on its annual Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism.

It is one of the most somber dates on the Israeli calendar. Israel has fought half a dozen wars with Arab countries since its establishment in 1948 and has battled two Palestinian uprisings.

After decades of conflict, most Israelis have lost loved ones or know someone who has.

Nationwide, Israelis stopped what they were doing at 11:00 a.m. and

stood silently for two minutes to honor and remember the dead. Traffic stopped and people got out of their vehicles on highways and roads to stand with heads bowed. Bereaved families gathered at cemeteries across the country.

Cafes and places of entertainment shut for the day. Radio and TV stopped their regular shows and instead broadcast war documentaries and stories about soldiers killed in action.

Israel says 23,169 have been killed since 1860, when Jews began moving back to the area.

Prime Minister Benjamin



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, center, stands next to President Shimon Peres, second right, as they commemorate Memorial Day for fallen soldiers and victims of terrorism in a ceremony on Mt. Herzl military cemetery in Jerusalem on Monday, May 5, 2014. Israel came to a standstill on Monday as sirens wailed across the country on its annual Memorial Day.

(AP Photo/Jim Hollander)

## Rights group: Systematic violations in Venezuela

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Judges and prosecutors in Venezuela have repeatedly ignored evidence of systematic human rights abuses by government security forces, a prominent human rights group said Monday.

Human Rights Watch said in a new report that dozens of unarmed protesters have been subject to serious physical and psychological abuse during protests that have left at least 41 dead since February. Abuses have included broken bones, denial of medical treatment and threats of rape or death.

The New York-based organization said it has documented at least 10 cases serious enough to be considered torture. Its report is based on March visits to Caracas and the Venezuelan states of Carabobo, Lara, and Miranda.

Human Rights Watch said that nearly all of the 150 of the victims it found were denied basic due process, and that many were held incommunicado and denied access to legal counsel until minutes before they went to court, often in the middle of the night.

Venezuela's government blames protesters for most of the violence and abuses and says 15 officials are be-

ing investigated for alleged human rights violations. Human Rights Watch noted that the government says some 200 security force members and officials have also been injured and at least nine killed.

Still, "the scale of rights violations we found in Venezuela and the collaboration of security forces and justice officials in committing them shows these aren't isolated incidents or the excesses of a few rogue actors," said Jose Miguel Vivanco, Americas director at Human Rights Watch. "Rather, they are the part of an alarming pattern of abuse that is the worst we have seen in Venezuela in years." He said Venezuela should end the rights abuses, investigate ones that have already occurred and bring those responsible for committing them to justice.

Acts of violence and abuse committed by other parties should be investigated and prosecuted as well, Vivanco said, regardless of the political affiliation of suspects or victims.

The Americas director also called on the international community, and especially the Union of South American Nations, or UNASUR, which regularly deals with the Venezuelan government to "forcefully condemn" the abuses. □

Netanyahu said at a ceremony for the war dead that it is impossible to completely ease the pain of losing a loved one. Netanyahu's brother, an army commando, was killed during

the rescue mission to free passengers of a hijacked plane in Uganda in 1976. "There is no total healing to the loss. There is an emptiness that is never filled," he said.

The sad atmosphere ends sharply at sundown when in jarring contrast, Israelis take to the streets for Independence Day celebrations with dancing, fireworks and parties. □



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**Panama:**

## Outgoing leader's rival wins presidency

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Associated Press

**PANAMA CITY (AP)** — Panama's President Ricardo Martinelli, never known to be a good loser, swallowed an initial bitter reaction to the election of an archrival as his successor and offered his support on Monday for the coming transition.

Martinelli snapped "May God help us" as he learned the night before of Vice President Juan Carlos Varela's surprise victory, saying he would shelve plans for a quiet retirement and would vigorously oppose his former ally's rule.

But as the sting of the defeat settled in, the billionaire supermarket magnate offered his compliments, at least on Twitter. "Yesterday Panama won," Martinelli wrote on the social media network. "I congratulate the president for his resounding triumph. Today I'll call to tell him that and to begin the transition." Results that were nearly complete Monday showed Varela won Sunday's presidential election with 39 percent of the votes, compared to 32 percent for Martinelli's choice, political newcomer Jose Domingo Arias. Juan Carlos Navarro, a former mayor of the capital, finished third with 28 percent.

Varela, who takes office July 1, waved the nation's flag at a rally to celebrate

his victory and vowed to put aside the partisan bickering of the past five years and put an end to corruption that worsened under Martinelli. "Whoever wants to do business should grab their things and go to the private sector," he told a

respect for human rights in Venezuela's grinding political crisis.

He said President Nicolas Maduro was one of the first regional leaders to call and congratulate him. Pre-elections polls had pointed to the tightest

the government's popular "100 for 70" program that provides a \$100 monthly stipend to Panamanians over age 70 without a pension or retirement benefits. Although Martinelli wasn't on the ballot, the billionaire supermarket magnate's



**Juan Carlos Varela, Panama's president elect, delivers his acceptance speech in Panama City. Varela was declared the victor of Panama's presidential election, thwarting an attempt by former ally President Ricardo Martinelli to extend his grip on power by electing a hand-picked successor.**

(AP Photo/Arnulfo Franco)

cheering crowd in a clear swipe at the outgoing president. In his first comments as president-elect, Varela on Sunday night said re-establishing ties with Venezuela, which were severed in March by that country's socialist government, would be a top priority even as Panama continues to call for dialogue and

race since democracy was restored two decades ago, but none of the major surveys had Varela with a lead. Most gave a razor-thin edge to Arias.

A free-market conservative, the 50-year-old Varela also has strong social credentials. Before breaking with Martinelli in 2011, he was the architect of

presence loomed large during the campaign. Many worried he would be the power behind the throne if voters chose Arias, a soft-spoken former housing minister, and even seek to change the constitution to eliminate a two-term cooling off period before becoming eligible again to seek the presidency. □

## Mexico anti-poverty fund draws line at 3 children

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Associated Press

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — The head of Mexico's anti-poverty program drew criticism Monday after she warned Indian mothers that government aid programs would help support only their first three children.

Activists said the warning by Social Development Secretary Rosario Robles appeared insulting and aimed at punishing women who have more children.

Robles' department said

the three-child rule has actually been in place since July 2012, before current President Enrique Pena Nieto took office. The Associated Press found a reference to a similar guideline in government documents dating back to 2011, when the change appears to have first been made.

Her office said the rules apply to Indians and non-Indians alike.

Robles said she was just stating longstanding policy in a speech last week

to Huichol and Cora Indian women in the Pacific coast state of Nayarit. She was talking about a series of government food aid, scholarships and health assistance programs known broadly as Oportunidades ("Opportunities") that provide a maximum of about \$210 a month to poor families. But the tone, timing and audience may not have been the best, and Robles made it sound like the rule was new. "Opportunities is chang-

ing," Robles said in the speech. "By having a lot of children, you're not going to get more Opportunities. Opportunities is not going to benefit those who have a lot of children anymore; it is going to support those who have few children, because small families have a better life."

Two-time unsuccessful leftist presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador called her comments "offensive, discriminatory and racist." □

**Haiti minimum wage raised for apparel workers**

**PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)**

— Haiti raised slightly its minimum wage for the estimated 29,000 workers who sew together T-shirts and other clothing in the country's apparel factories. President Michel Martelly, his prime minister and a Cabinet member who oversees labor conditions signed the 12.5 percent increase into law. It took effect Thursday, and The Associated Press obtained a copy of the decree from the office of the national gazette on Monday, the first day it was available.

The law says the workers will now earn about \$5.11 per eight-hour workday. It falls far short of the equivalent of \$11.36 per workday that protesting garment workers have demanded. Last year's inflation rate in Haiti was 3.2 percent. The clothing factories have been in Haiti for decades. Initially the plants made baseballs, but they now turn out T-shirts for major North American retailers. About two-thirds of the country's 10 million people lack formal employment, and the garment industry is among the few formal sources of income. Parliament last approved a raise in the minimum wage in 2009. That increased the daily rate from about \$1.50 to around \$4.50 over three years. It also established a separate minimum wage for garment workers who can earn as much as \$6.81 daily if they meet production quotas. But labor groups say the quotas are too high for workers to realistically meet in a regular workday. The U.S.-based Worker Rights Consortium said in an October report that Haitian workers receive an average of 32 percent less than what they should. An earlier report said that all of Haiti's 24 garment factories failed to pay workers even the minimum wage. "It means a modest increase, and it was a lot less than what the workers were asking for," Scott Nova, executive director of the Worker Rights Consortium, said by telephone. □

# LOCAL Aruba TODAY

## 2nd Annual tattoo convention held last Sunday at the Radisson ballroom



**Oranjestad** - Tattoo lovers and artists from all around the world enjoyed this well organized two day event held in the ballroom of the Radisson hotel.

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Music was provided by two local bands "Waisted" and "Airplugs". There was lots of food and drinks, DJ's tattoo contests, bikini contest and suspension show with Victor and Gaby Peralta from Argentina. This married couple has been recorded in the 'World Guinness book of Records'. As a couple they have more than a total of 77 body modifications done. So far they have 50 Piercings, 4 microdermals, 11 body implants, 5 dental implants, 4 ear expanders, 2 ear bolts

and one forked tongue! As we all know tattoos are a way of expressing yourself and you see them more and more, also on women. Some people have just one, but it is addictive and that is why many people end up with "sleeves" or full body tattoos. Create your own, search on line or choose out of many

magazines. After care of a brand new tattoo is important, and those products with professional advice were available as well in two of the many stands set up during the two day convention.

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## Arthur and Shirley Dock honored as Goodwill Ambassadors!



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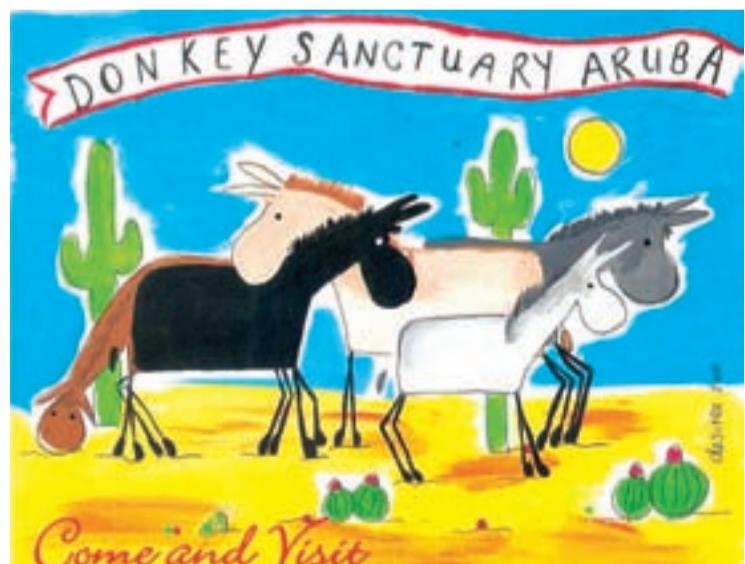


**PALM BEACH** - All the moms on Aruba deserve a big hug and a tender kiss for all what they do for their children. Whether their kids are old or young, mothers are always on the job; on May 11 they get the recognition they deserve. One of the options that is offered on the island is a lovely brunch and MooMba Beach is offering a wonderful buffet-style brunch that will bowl over any mom. Steel pan player Tico will personally see to it that the ambiance is light, playful, Caribbean

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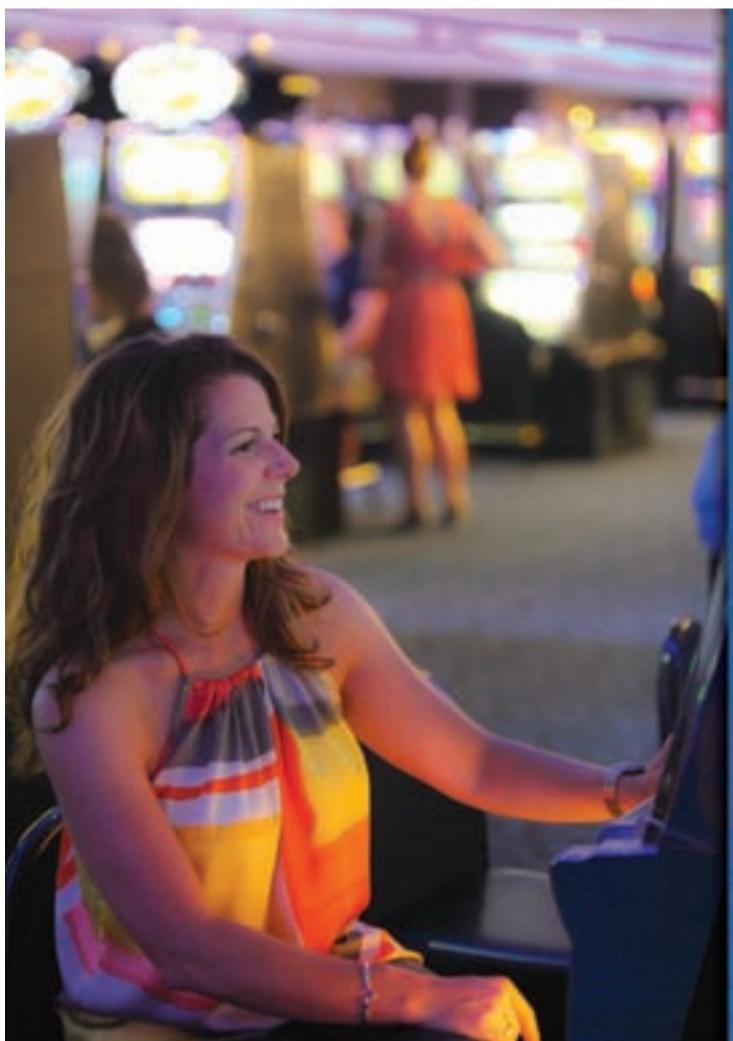
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Finally the volunteers were able to lure him into a garden and take him to the Donkey Sanctuary.

The future will tell whether the vet will be able to do something about his leg, as the fracture has more or less healed already, of course. But Santa is in little or no pain and is having the time of his life among his donkey colleagues and friends.

This beautiful donkey has

been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys.

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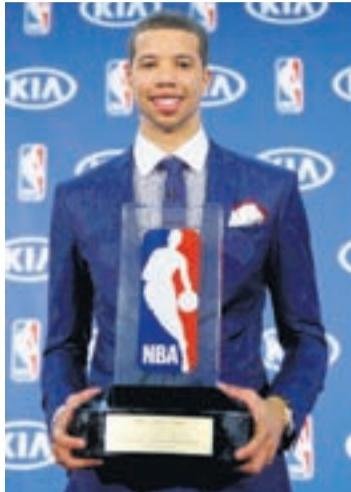
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Philadelphia 76ers' Michael Carter-Williams poses with his NBA Rookie of the Year award after a news conference at the team's practice facility, Monday, May 5, 2014, in Philadelphia. Associated Press

### **76ers guard Carter-Williams wins Rookie of Year**

**PHILADELPHIA (AP)** — Michael Carter-Williams received the NBA rookie of the year award on Monday, something to show in a dismal season for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Carter-Williams was only the third player since 1950-51 to lead all rookies in scoring (16.7), rebounding (6.3) and assists (6.2), joining Oscar Robertson (1960-61) and Alvan Adams (1975-76).

Despite the performance of their dynamic guard, the Sixers were awful this season. They went 19-63 and tied an NBA record by losing 26 straight games.

Carter-Williams received 104 of a possible 124 first-place votes. Victor Oladipo of the Orlando Magic finished second and Trey Burke of the Utah Jazz was third.

Allen Iverson is the only other player in Sixers history to win the award. The 11th overall pick in last year's draft, Carter-Williams is the first player picked 10th or lower to win since Mark Jackson did it in 1987 for New York. Carter-Williams had a spectacular debut, posting 22 points, 12 assists and nine steals to lead the Sixers to a stunning 114-110 victory over the two-time defending champion Miami Heat. □



## **SLOW ROAD BACK**



### **Woods slowly healing from surgery**

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In this March 21, 2012 file photo, Tiger Woods rubs his back after his tee shot on the sixth hole during the Pro-Am round at the Arnold Palmer Invitational golf tournament at Bay Hill in Orlando, Fla. Associated Press

# Woods says he's healing slowly from back surgery

**DOUG FERGUSON**

**AP Golf Writer**

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP)**

Tiger Woods described his recovery from back surgery as a "very slow process" that offered him no timetable on when he can return for a summer filled with big championships.

Woods already missed the Masters, choosing to have microdiscectomy surgery on March 31 to relieve pain from a pinched nerve.

In a wide-ranging blog on his website on Monday, Woods said he was still sore from the incision and his only contact with golf clubs was a few putts and chips that do not require him to rotate his back. He said tests showed no arthritic changes, which he attributed to being in good shape and strong in his legs and abdomen.

"I made the decision to have surgery because physically I just couldn't make a golf swing," Woods wrote. "The pretty much sums it up."

Though he was uncertain



In this March 24, 2014 file photo, Tiger Woods looks down during a news conference at the Newseum in Washington.

Associated Press

when he can even start hitting half-shots, Woods made it sound as though he would not be ready for the U.S. Open on June 12-15 at Pinehurst No. 2, the major championship course where he has the most experience.

"I hope to be back sometime this summer, but I just don't know when," Woods said.

The one non-major that is important to him is the Quicken Loans National at Congressional, with a new

title sponsor stepping in at a tournament that benefits his foundation.

"Whether I'm able to play or not, I'm going to be there to support it," Woods said.

That tournament is two weeks after the U.S. Open and three weeks before the British Open, with the U.S. PGA Championship, FedEx Cup playoffs and Ryder Cup filling out a busy lineup of big-time golf.

"You can understand why I want to hurry up and get

better," Woods said. Woods, who last played on March 9 at Doral, said all he could do was to follow a strength program, listen to the doctors, chart his progress and wait.

"I haven't used a sand wedge yet," he said. "I've done putting and chip-and-runs using the same length of motion. I haven't really rotated yet. As far as taking a full swing, I have conference calls with my doctors every couple of weeks to see how my progress is and just kind of chart it out from there. Basically, you just follow a program. It's tedious because it's little rehab stuff, but you still have to do it."

"That's where I think the experiences of having gone through the surgeries in the past have really helped, because you have to lay the foundation down first before you can do the more arduous activities, and then return to form," he said. "I'm walking and able to cycle now, and started swimming last week."

Woods missed the Masters for the first time in his career and said it wasn't as difficult as some might think to watch on TV. He compared it to the British Open and U.S. PGA Championship in 2008, which he missed after reconstructive surgery on his left knee.

He started watching mainly when Fred Couples got into the mix, and he lost a little interest when Couples fell off the pace early in the final round. Woods congratulated Bubba Watson and said Augusta National was suited to left-handed players like Watson and Phil Mickelson who hit a fade, a shot that works well on key holes along the back nine.

Woods said it helps to go through rehab at the same time with Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn, even though she was further along. "Her sessions are much longer and more developed," he said. "Her knee is getting stronger and it's good to see. She hopes to be ready to compete again in December." □



Stacy Lewis watches her tee shot on the ninth hole during the second round of the North Texas LPGA Shootout golf tournament at Las Colinas Country Club in Irving, Texas, Friday, May 2, 2014.

Associated Press

**STEPHEN HAWKINS**

**AP Sports Writers**

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Stacy Lewis shot a 7-under 64 on Sunday to win the North Texas LPGA Shootout, finally getting another victory after six runner-up finishes in her previous 16 tournaments.

Lewis finished at 16-under 268, six strokes ahead of Meena Lee. That is the largest margin of victory on the LPGA Tour since Jiyai Shin won the 2012 Women's British Open by nine.

"I've been wanting to do

this for a long time. I kind of have these mini goals in the back of my mind," Lewis said. "One of them was kind of taking a tournament and running away with it. ... So to be so close the last few weeks and then to come out and shoot 64, I mean I don't even know what to say."

It was the ninth career LPGA Tour victory for Lewis, her first since August in the Women's British Open, and will boost the Texan from third to second in the world ranking.

Lewis made a putt from

## Stacy Lewis wins North Texas LPGA Shootout by 6

about 25 feet off the fringe at the 540-yard seventh for an eagle. She followed with consecutive birdies to make the turn at 14 under and up by three strokes.

"The eagle just really kind of got things going in the right direction, and then just I never let up," said Lewis, who punctuated her round with birdies on Nos. 17 and 18. "I never let the hammer down."

Lee, the South Korean who won the last her two LPGA Tour titles in 2006, shot 70 after going into the final round at Las Colinas Country Club tied with Lewis for the lead. Lee bogeyed the opening hole and needed a birdie at No. 18 to finish alone in second place.

Michelle Wie, who closed within two before faltering late, had a 67 to finish third at 9 under.

Na Yeon Choi (69) and Kim Kauffman (70) tied for fourth at 8 under.

Kraft Nabisco winner Lexi Thompson (69), Cristie Kerr (71) and Suzann Pettersen (72) were among six players at 7 under.

Lewis got a share of the lead after a frustrating 69 in the third round Saturday when she hit all 18 greens in regulation but missed several makeable birdie putts.

"Honestly, I didn't change anything. I didn't do anything different," she said. "They just didn't go in (Saturday). ... But once you see putts in, it's kind of contagious."

Defending champion Inbee Park closed with a 72 to tie for 14th at finish at 5 under. That will be good enough when the new world ranking comes out to stay No. 1 for the 56th consecutive week since the South Korean replaced Lewis at the top.

Lewis will supplant Lydia Ko in the second spot. Ko,

who didn't play in North Texas, moved to No. 2 after her win last week in San Francisco only days after her 17th birthday.

Wie had her fourth consecutive top-10 finish, including her first win in nearly four wins at home in Hawaii after a runner-up finish in the season's first major.

Wie, playing five groups ahead of Lewis, was 6 under in a span of seven holes — Nos. 9-15. When she made a 4-foot birdie putt at No. 15, she was 11 under and only two strokes behind Lewis, who was finishing her only bogey of the day at the par-3 11th. Lewis' tee shot at the 175-yard 11th half-buried in the sand just under the lip of the bunker. Lewis had sand in her face after hitting out, and couldn't save par. But she got that lost stroke right back with a long birdie putt at the par-4 12th. □

# Li, Radwanska reach 2nd round at Madrid Open

PAUL LOGOTHEIS

AP Sports Writer

**MADRID (AP)** — Second-ranked Li Na started her Madrid Open campaign by overcoming a stubborn opponent just as third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska did to reach the second round on Monday. Li's clay debut began with an encouraging 6-1, 7-6 (7) victory over Belgium's Kirsten Flipkens before Radwanska also advanced thanks to a 7-6 (3), 6-2 win over Canada's Eugenie Bouchard.

Li, the Australian Open champion, survived two set points by Flipkens, and eventually took the tie-breaker to avoid another surprise first-round exit like last year. Li goes up against fellow Chinese player Zheng Jie next.

Bouchard came out on the losing end of a tough match against third-ranked Radwanska, as the Pol-

ish player earned her 25th match win of the season. "The tiebreak was the biggest key," said Radwanska, who goes on to play Svetlana Kuznetsova. "I did a couple of good shots in the tiebreak and managed to win that, and that gave me more confidence in the second set."

Kuznetsova held off Alize Cornet of France 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 as the Russian continued her good run, including reaching the final in Portugal on Saturday.

Also, Caroline Wozniacki was a 6-2, 6-2 victor over Ekaterina Makarova while Spanish player Carla Suarez Navarro followed up from winning her first career title in Portugal with a 7-6 (6), 6-4 win over Yvonne Meusburger of Austria. Ninth-seeded Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia was bounced 6-4, 6-0 by Samantha Stosur of Australia. A minute's silence was



Agnieszka Radwanska from Poland serves during a Madrid Open tennis tournament match against Eugenie Bouchard from Canada, in Madrid, Spain, Monday, May 5, 2014.

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scheduled to be held at the Magic Box's Manolo Santana center court before the evening match in remembrance of Elena Baltacha, a former top-50 British women's player who died of liver cancer on Sunday.

In men's first-round play, ninth-seeded John Isner beat Russian qualifier Teymuraz Gabashvili 7-6 (8), 6-4, with the American securing the only break in a

match heavy on baseline groundstrokes.

Kei Nishikori followed up his Barcelona Open triumph with a 6-4, 6-4 win against Ivan Dodig of Croatia.

Nishikori said working with former French Open champion Michael Chang boosted his confidence on this surface as he won his first career clay title in Barcelona.

"I did well last week in Barcelona and I'm getting

better on clay, so hopefully I can go further this week," the 12th-ranked Japanese player said. "There was just one bad game, on my serve at 3-2 in the second set. Otherwise, it was an almost perfect match."

Jo-Wilfried Tsonga beat Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, while Gilles Simon emerged from another all-French matchup, after Benoit Paire retired, to play Roger Federer next. □

## Nowitzki will return, other vets in limbo for Mavs

SCHUYLER DIXON

AP Sports Writer

**DALLAS (AP)** — The last time Dirk Nowitzki was a free agent in the offseason, Dallas won the championship the next year.

Now the Mavericks and their star have to figure out how far they are from title contention after giving top-seeded San Antonio a tougher test than anyone expected in the first round only to get eliminated in Game 7.

The big German says it's "tough to say" where the Mavericks stand following a return to the playoffs a year after their 12-season post-season streak ended. Part of his reasoning is whether fellow veterans Shawn Marion, Vince Carter and Devin Harris come back. "After the '06 season when we lost the finals, I thought we were going to go to the

finals the next three, four years straight," Nowitzki said. "And it took us basically five years we go back there again. You can analyze this, analyze that. You never know what's going to happen until you see the roster for next year and see how the other teams have stacked up."

So here's what the Mavericks do know: Nowitzki will re-sign. It's just a question of how much salary-cap space Dallas will have left when he does.

"I'm pretty sure I'm not going to sign Kobe's deal. Unfortunately," Nowitzki joked in reference to the two-year, \$48.5 million extension in November, when Kobe Bryant was still coming back from knee surgery. "We'll find a good way where I feel respected for what I did and where we still have enough mon-

ey left for us to get great players in here."

The best model for Nowitzki's new contract is probably longtime rival Tim Duncan, who has spent his entire career in San Antonio. He signed a three-year, \$30 million deal in 2012 — not long after his 36th birthday — and has the option on the final season in 2014-15. "The big 36," as Nowitzki called it, is coming next month. Marion will be 37 Wednesday, and Carter turns 38 midway through next season. Yet all three played at least 76 games this season, and each brings an important component.

Nowitzki is still the leading scorer, and has been for 14 straight seasons. Marion is the best defender on a team that doesn't have many. Carter brings ener-



Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41), of Germany, celebrates after sinking a long two-point basket with Devin Harris (20) against the San Antonio Spurs in the second half of Game 6 of an NBA basketball first-round playoff series on Friday, May 2, 2014, in Dallas.

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gy and leadership off the bench, and had a strong series against the Spurs.

"That experience and that know-how and the fact that those guys are such

good players, it's going to give a team like us a starting point every year," coach Rick Carlisle said. "We want to bring back the nucleus of guys." □

## AL Capsules

**Viciedo HR in 9th lifts White Sox over Indians 4-3**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Dayan Viciedo hit a three-run homer in the ninth inning off John Axford, lifting the Chicago White Sox over the Cleveland Indians 4-3 Sunday and stopping a four-game losing streak.

Corey Kluber struck out a career-high 13 in eight innings, including a team-record seven straight. He allowed one run, three hits and two walks, leaving with a 3-1 lead.

Axford (0-2) walked Gordon Beckham leading off the ninth and struck out Jose Abreu, who hit his major league-leading 12th home run in the first. Adam Dunn walked, and Viciedo homered on a 96 mph fastball. Daniel Webb (2-0) pitched the eighth, and Matt Lindstrom finished for his fourth save.

**RAYS 5, YANKEES 1**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wil Myers had a three-run, inside-the-park homer on a drive off the top of the center-field fence and drove in four runs.

Erik Bedard (1-1) earned his first win as a starter since last June, allowing one run and six hits in six innings to help the Rays finish a 5-5 trip.

**CC Sabathia (3-4)** gave up 10 hits and five runs in 3 2-3 innings, his shortest start since lasting 2 2-3 innings on Oct. 2, 2009, at Tampa Bay. He was late covering first on a potential double play in the fourth and heard some boos from the crowd of 41,122 during an outing that



**Chicago White Sox's Dayan Viciedo watches his three-run home run off Cleveland Indians relief pitcher John Axford in the ninth inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 4, 2014, in Cleveland. Viciedo's homer gave the White Sox a 4-3 win.**

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raised his ERA to 5.75.

**ATHLETICS 3, RED SOX 2**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Yoenis Cespedes drove in the go-ahead run on an infield single with the bases loaded in the 10th off Chris Capuano (1-1) as Oakland averted a three-game sweep and completed a 5-5 trip. The hit drove in Jed Lowrie, who had doubled with two outs. Jim Johnson (3-2) got a double-play grounder by Jonny Gomes to end the ninth and worked the 10th.

**RANGERS 14, ANGELS 3**

**ANAHEIM, California (AP)** — Prince Fielder had a pair of RBI doubles that ended a drought of 39 at-bats with-

out an extra-base hit.

Yu Darvish (2-1) shrugged off first-inning homers by Erick Aybar and Albert Pujols to get his first victory since April 6 at Tampa Bay. He allowed three runs, seven hits and no walks in 6 1-3 innings with nine strikeouts.

J.P. Arencibia hit his first homer and Michael Choice added a three-run drive for Texas.

Tyler Skaggs (2-1) gave up runs, eight hits and three walks in 2 2-3 innings, the shortest of his 19 big league starts.

**TIGERS 9, ROYALS 4**

**KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP)** — Justin Verlander (4-1)

took a no-hit bid into the sixth inning and won his fourth straight decision, helping Detroit complete a three-game sweep and extend its winning streak to a season-high five games.

Billy Butler singled to right on a 1-2 pitch with two outs in the sixth, leaving him with a .432 average in 74 at-bats against the Detroit ace,

Nick Castellanos and Alex Avila homered for the Tigers, who had 16 hits, and Torii Hunter had three hits and three RBIs.

Jason Vargas (2-1) gave up seven runs and 11 hits in five innings.

**TWINS 5, ORIOLES 2**

**MINNEAPOLIS (AP)** — Phil Hughes (3-1) gave up two runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings to win his third straight start. After a single by Nick Markakis starting the game, Hughes retired his next 14 batters.

Miguel Gonzalez (1-3) allowed three runs, six hits and four walks in 4 2-3 innings. Trevor Plouffe and Kurt Suzuki hit two-run doubles.

Twins first baseman Joe Mauer left in the top of the third with lower-back spasms and is day to day.

**MARINERS 8, ASTROS 7**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Robinson Cano and Willie Bloomquist each drove in two runs as Seattle pulled away in a four-run third and dropped Houston to a big league-worst 10-21.

Bloomquist broke a 1-all tie with a two-run double against Collin McHugh (2-1) and Cano followed with his first triple since June 3, 2012. Brandon Maurer (1-0) allowed four runs and six hits in five innings for his first win since Sept. 28 against Oakland. Danny Farquhar allowed one run in two innings for his first save since that same game last autumn.

In other AL games it was Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 3; Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 1; Oakland 3, Boston 2, 10 innings; Toronto 7, Pittsburgh 2; Minnesota 5, Baltimore 2; Detroit 9, Kansas City 4; Seattle 8, Houston 7; and Texas 14, L.A. Angels 3. □



**Mikhail Aleshin, of Russia, runs through the grass along the backstretch during the Indy Grand Prix of Alabama auto race on Sunday, April 27, 2014, in Birmingham, Ala.**

**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS (AP)** — Russian driver Mikhail Aleshin was the fastest of the five

rookies on the track Monday at Indianapolis.

The Moscow native had

a fast lap of 219.170 mph (352.72 kph) and was one of three rookies to com-

## Russian rookie clears 1st hurdle in Indy testing

plete the rookie orientation program. Jack Hawksworth and Carlos Huertas also passed. Jacques Villeneuve, the 1995 Indy winner, and former Cup champion Kurt Busch completed their rookie tests last week.

Sage Karam, the defending Indy Lights champ, passed two of the three

rookie tests but problems with his car prevented him from finishing the third and final stage. He will have to do that when practice for the 500 opens Sunday. The race is scheduled for May 25.

Practice on the new road course opens Thursday. The inaugural Grand Prix of Indianapolis is Saturday. □



In this March 5, 2013 file photo, Carolina Hurricanes head coach Kirk Muller watches the action against the Buffalo Sabres during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Raleigh, N.C. □

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## Hurricanes fire Muller amid NHL playoff drought

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RALEIGH, North Carolina

(AP) — The Carolina Hurricanes fired coach Kirk Muller and most of his coaching staff on Monday, one week into Ron Francis' tenure as general manager. "Kirk and his staff worked very hard, but we feel that the team is in need of a fresh start at this time," Francis said in a statement. Assistants John MacLean and Dave Lewis also were fired and goaltending coach Greg Stefan was reassigned back to the team's pro scouting department.

Rod Brind'Amour, a third-year assistant who was the captain of Carolina's Stanley Cup-winning team in 2006, will remain part of the coaching staff, Francis said.

Muller was 80-27-80 in three seasons with the Hurricanes, who haven't made the playoffs since 2009, the longest active drought in the Eastern Conference. Carolina finished 13th in the 16-team East this season.

Muller, 48, made six All-Star teams during a 19-year career. He had never been a head coach in the NHL and was in his first season coaching the minor league Milwaukee Admirals when he was hired during the 2011-12 season to replace the fired Paul Maurice.

Muller's final season was doomed by subpar years from the four highest-paid players in the squad — forwards Alexander Semin and Eric and Jordan Staal, and goalie Cam Ward. □

### Canadiens' Price finds lost dogs with Twitter help



In this Feb. 24, 2014 file photo, Montreal Canadiens and Team Canada goaltender Carey Price shows his Olympic gold medal to the media in Brossard, Quebec. □

Associated Press

MONTREAL (AP) — Montreal Canadiens goaltender Carey Price can relax — his Labrador retrievers are back home.

Price sent a message on Twitter early Monday saying: "If anyone finds two labs running around Candiac they're mine."

Candiac is a suburb south of Montreal. Local TSN radio reported that



With Pittsburgh Penguins' Chris Kunitz (14) getting an assist, New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist (30) can't stop a shot from the point by Pittsburgh Penguins' Kris Letang in the second period of game 2 of a second-round NHL playoff hockey series in Pittsburgh Sunday, May 4, 2014. □

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## Penguins, Blackhawks win in NHL playoffs

Fleury made 22 saves for his seventh playoff shutout to lift the Pittsburgh Penguins to a 3-0 victory over the New York Rangers, leveling the second-round series one game each.

In Sunday's other game, Bryan Bickell had a goal and two assists as the Blackhawks beat the Minnesota Wild 4-1 to take a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

Letang's 15th career postseason goal matched Larry Murphy's record for Penguins defensemen. Jussi Jokinen scored during a third-period power play, and Evgeni Malkin added an empty-net goal for the Penguins, who managed a home split in the first two games with the suddenly weary Rangers.

Game 3 is Monday night in New York.

Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves for New York, but the Rangers mustered little offense while playing their fourth game in six days. New York's limp power play went 0 for 4 and hasn't

scored in 29 straight advantages.

The Rangers have lost eight straight Game 2s and have dropped an NHL-record 13 consecutive games when leading in a series.

At Chicago, Brandon Saad scored his first two goals of the postseason as the Blackhawks earned their sixth consecutive win despite stretches of lackluster play in the second and third periods. Corey Crawford made 18 saves in another solid performance.

Cody McCormick scored his second career playoff goal, but Minnesota missed another chance to steal home-ice advantage from the defending Stanley Cup champions.

Jonathan Toews scored his fourth goal of the playoffs in the first period for the Blackhawks, who improved to 16-2 in home postseason games over the last two years.

They are 5-0 at home in these playoffs.

Game 3 is Tuesday night in Minnesota. □

# New playbook emerges as U.S. gay athletes come out

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AP National Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A new type of playbook is fast evolving in the world of U.S. sports: An informal, commonsense protocol for how prominent gay and lesbian athletes can come out with maximum acclaim and minimum turmoil.

Key decisions include how to reveal one's story, whom to tell it to and — crucially — when to tell it.

"The earlier in the off-season, the better," said Cyd Zeigler, a co-founder of the website Outsports, the platform of choice for many athletes to share their coming-out story.

"Minimizing the distraction to your teammates is super important," Zeigler said. "I recommend to everyone, 'Don't do it in the middle in the season.'"

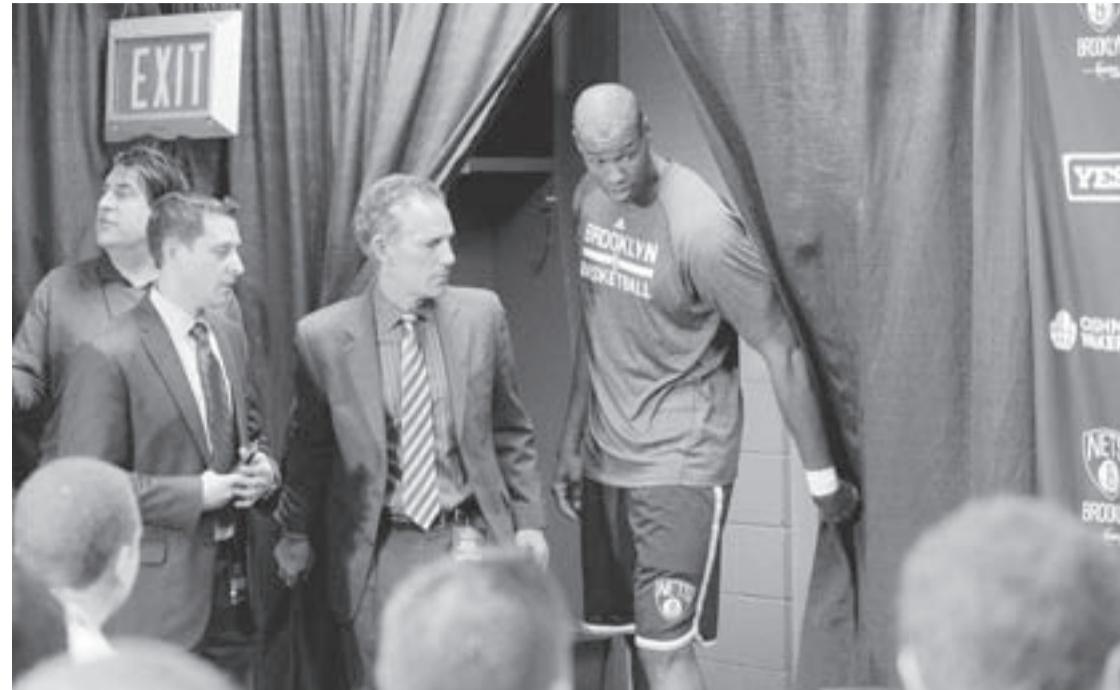
Jason Collins used an April 2013 column in Sports Illustrated to become the first openly gay player in the National Basketball Association. He's now a reserve with the Brooklyn Nets.

In February, Missouri football defensive end Michael Sam came out via coordinated coverage by ESPN, The New York Times and Outsports. Sam is projected as a middle-round prospect in the National Football League draft this week, which would put him on track to be the league's first openly gay player.

On April 9, University of Massachusetts guard Derrick Gordon became the first openly gay player in Division I men's basketball, making the announcement on ESPN and Outsports two days after the NCAA championship game.

The logistics of Sam coming out were coordinated by Howard Bragman, a public relations expert who is vice chairman of Reputation.com, which helps clients manage their online images.

Bragman has been ushering celebrities out of the closet since 1991, when he helped actor Dick Sargent of the TV series "Bewitched." The first gay athlete he worked with was Esera Tuaolo, who came out in 2002 after nine years as a defensive tackle



In this Feb. 23, 2014 file photo, Brooklyn Nets center Jason Collins enters a news conference prior to an NBA basketball game against the Los Angeles Lakers in Los Angeles after signing a 10-day contract with the Brooklyn Nets earlier in the day.

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in the NFL. Other clients included golfer Rosie Jones in 2004 and pro basketball star Sheryl Swoopes in 2005. One of the biggest changes during his career, Bragman said, is the attitude of young Americans.

"This younger generation — the 'Will and Grace' generation — is comfortable about having gay friends," he said. "Kids are coming out in junior high, high

rounded terms, to make clear that being gay is only one facet of who you are.

—Get back to work. In a column on his LinkedIn page, Bragman said it was crucial that Sam chose to come out before the NFL draft.

"Had he come out after, he would have faced criticism for not telling the truth," Bragman wrote. "He not only owned his truth, he put



University of Massachusetts basketball guard Derrick Gordon talks with reporters on the school's campus, Wednesday, April 9, 2014, in Amherst, Mass.

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school."

Bragman offers advice for athletes considering coming out:

—Break the news before anyone else does, and don't feel obligated to repeat your story. Choose wisely how you tell it and whom you tell it to, because the first stories will define the narrative.

—Anticipate tough questions and answer them in a truthful yet consistent, controlled way.

—Define yourself in well-

it in perspective and got great respect for his integrity along the way."

One of the people enlisted to help advise Sam before his disclosure was Wade Davis, a former NFL Europe player who came out in 2012 — nine years after retiring. Davis is now executive director of the You Can Play Project, which seeks to increase acceptance of gay athletes in sports.

His paramount advice to Sam was to stay focused on football.

"The NFL doesn't want any player who's looking to get famous off of something other than being an athlete," Davis said.

Davis played a major role in Gordon's coming out.

"In my first talk with Derrick,



In this June 30, 2013 file photo, former NFL football player Wade Davis, grand marshal for the Chicago Gay Pride Parade, speaks to reporters prior to the parade in Chicago.

Associated Press

coming out didn't even come up," Davis recalled. "When we eventually started to have that conversation, Derrick was the one who initiated it."

One fundamental decision was to put the team first — informing his coach, teammates and staff.

"You're putting everyone in the best position so no one's blindsided," Davis said.

Despite the recent high-profile coming outs, many gay athletes aren't ready to take that step. Davis said he's in contact with several players who are out to their coaches and teammates, but not to the wider world.

"A lot of them don't come out to protect their teammates, who will have to answer questions they've never been asked before," he said.

Some other gay athletes "are dealing with so much shame that they're nowhere near ready to come out," Davis said.

Since its launch in 1999, Outsports has chronicled the stories of more than 200 athletes who made the decision to come out, including 77 in 2013 and dozens more this year, according to Zeigler. The vast majority have been athletes who did not gain national attention.

Zeigler said one milestone came in 2007 when John Amaechi, four years after ending his NBA career, came out as gay. Amaechi won support from former teammates and coaches, while retired NBA player Tim Hardaway Sr. was disinherited from the 2007 All-Star

Game after responding to Amaechi's news by saying, "I hate gay people."

"That moment showed us where things were headed," Zeigler said. "Gay athletes were going to be accepted, and homophobes were going to be rejected."

Speculation persists about when the first openly gay players will surface in Major League Baseball and the National Hockey League. While some MLB veterans have come out as gay after retirement, the NHL has never had an active or former player come out — a fact that puzzles NHL director of player safety Patrick Burke. □

# Exploring the latest Apple-Samsung dispute

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**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Many of today's smartphones share similar features, from responsive touchscreens that let users unlock the phone with a flick of a finger, to pop-up animations that offer a shortcut to dialing a number or storing it in a digital address book.

Those similarities are at the center of an array of patent disputes as Apple and Samsung Electronics sue each other in courts and trade offices around the world. The companies' most recent legal fight all but concluded on Friday, when a California jury found that Samsung copied some of Apple's smartphone features. The panel also concluded that Apple illegally used one of Samsung's patents in creating the iPhone 4 and 5.

All told, the jury awarded Samsung \$158,400 and Apple \$119 million, far less than the \$2.2 billion the company sought.

Jurors were ordered to return to court Monday to continue deliberations on a minor matter that could result in a higher award for Apple.

Before determining whether the companies copied phone technologies, jurors had to consider several patents. Here's a look at select patents and the jury's conclusions:

Patent 5,946,647

—Official description: System and method for performing an action on a structure in computer-generated data.

—What it really means: In a mobile device, the technology described in this patent is used to display a pop-up menu of options. One example: When you highlight a phone number on the touchscreen and the software gives you a prompt of options.

—The jury's verdict: The jury found that Apple proved Samsung infringed on the patent across several mobile devices, including the Galaxy Nexus, Galaxy S III and Stratosphere.

Patent 6,847,959



- In this Nov. 22, 2013 file photo, a man walks past banners advertising smartphones by Samsung and Apple at a mobile phone shop in Seoul, South Korea.

Associated Press

—Official description: Universal interface for retrieval of information in a computer system.

—What it really means: This patent covers a process that's similar to the function of a search engine. It enables the mobile device to access information from a variety of locations, while only listing relevant data for the user.

One of the features in the patent is a graphic interface showing a "Go-To" menu option in a text input window.

—The jury's verdict: Apple failed to prove Samsung infringed on this patent.

Patent 7,761,414

—Official description: Asynchronous data synchronization among devices.

—What it really means: This patent involves a way to synchronize data across computers and mobile devices. In the case of a smartphone, this could apply to synchronizing address books on your phone with online storage.

—The jury's verdict: Samsung did not infringe on Apple's patent.

Patent 8,046,721

—Official description: Unlocking a device by per-

forming gestures on an unlock image.

What it really means: This patent refers to a way of controlling an electronic device with a touch-sensitive display. Specifically, Apple claimed Samsung infringed on a feature of the patent that describes the swipe-and-unlock feature on iPhones.

—The jury's verdict: Apple made its case that certain Samsung devices, includ-

ing the Admire, Stratosphere and Galaxy Nexus, violated patents. But the panel rejected claims pertaining to Samsung's Galaxy S II, Galaxy S II Epic 4G Touch and Galaxy S II Skyrocket.

Patent 5,579,239

—Official description: Remote video transmission system.

—What it really means: Samsung's patent describes a system for digitiz-

ing, compressing and transmitting audio and visual signals and then reversing the process for broadcast. The jury's verdict: Apple did not infringe on a section of Samsung's patent that covers transmitting video in real time over a cellular frequency.

Patent 6,226,449

—Official description: Apparatus for recording and reproducing digital image and speech. □

## Amazon introduces Twitter service

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Amazon wants to make shopping online as easy as a tweet. The online retailer is introducing a service that lets Twitter users add Amazon.com products to their carts without leaving the social media site.

The service comes as Amazon seeks to make social media a bigger source for sales. Twitter also has been seeking new revenue streams beyond advertising services like promoted tweets.

Under the program, users must link their Amazon.com

account with their Twitter account. Then they need to add the hashtag #AmazonCart when replying to a tweet that has an Amazon product link. The product will then be automatically added to their shopping cart.

Twitter users will get a reply tweet from @MyAmazon as well as an email from Amazon when the item is successfully added to their cart.

The service is for U.S. customers only, although U.K. users have a similar service with the hashtag #AmazonBasket.

"This is an example of the

constant innovation both Amazon and Twitter are using to push social shopping forward, but I don't think it's going to be a huge needle mover for either company," said CRT Capital analyst Neil Doshi.

"More and more people are showing items they've bought on Twitter, so it might be a way for followers to buy something more quickly."

Shares in Seattle-based Amazon.com Inc. rose \$1.63 to \$309.64 in afternoon trading. Shares in Twitter Inc., which is based in San Francisco, rose 9 cents to \$39.11. □

# Wall Street ends trading slightly higher on US data

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**AP Markets Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Worries from overseas held back the stock market on Monday.



Trader Thomas Ferrigno, left, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Worries from overseas generally held back the stock market on Monday, May 5, 2014.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

day.

Stocks started the day lower after a report showed that manufacturing in China, the world's second biggest economy, had contracted for the fourth straight month. News of more fighting between pro-Russian activists and soldiers in Ukraine also made investors cautious. The negative news was offset by a report that showed U.S. service firms grew more quickly last month as sales and new orders rose. Stocks climbed after the report was released mid-morning and ended the day higher, but the gains were slight. Stocks remain close to all-times highs, and investors still appear unwilling to push the market higher even amid signs that the U.S. economy is strengthening.

"The foreign concerns are dampening what might otherwise have been a better day in the market," said Kate Warne, an investment strategist at Edward Jones, a financial adviser. "It really is quite a mixed picture."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.52 points, or

0.2 percent, to 1,884.66. The index is six points below its record close of 1,890 set on April 2. The Dow Jones industrial average rose

in the S&P 500 index. The utility sector has risen 12.5 percent this year, making it the best performing industry group in the S&P 500.

at Allianz Global Investors.

"Investors have been starved, when it comes to traditional sources of income," said Kristina Hooper, U.S. investment strategist at Allianz Global Investors. Financial stocks were the day's biggest losers. The declines were led by JPMorgan Chase, after the bank said late Friday in a quarterly filing that it expects revenue from its bond and stock market unit to be down about 20 percent in the second quarter in a "continued challenging environment." The bank's first-quarter earnings were crimped by lower revenue at its bond trading business. JPMorgan slumped \$1.36, or 2.4 percent, to \$54.22. Other banks with big bond-trading businesses, such as Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs and Citigroup also fell.

Investors were also watching earnings.

Tyson Foods slumped \$4.21, or 9.9 percent, to \$38.44 after the company's outlook for full-year earnings fell short of analysts' expectations.

Pfizer fell 79 cents, or 2.6 percent, to \$29.96 after the drug company said

Monday that its first-quarter profit dropped 15 percent despite sharp cost-cutting. The earnings decline reflected competition from cheaper generic drugs. Pfizer has been trying since January to get British rival AstraZeneca to discuss its bid to buy the company, but AstraZeneca continues to rebuff Pfizer.

While stocks have been treading water for most of the year, bonds have climbed. That has surprised many analysts who were expecting bonds to fall after the Federal Reserve announced in December that it would start reducing its bond purchases as the economy was strengthening.

The bond purchases are intended to boost the economy by keeping long-term interest rates low.

Investors have been buying bonds for a variety of reasons. Inflation has remained as low, even amid signs that the economy is strengthening. Concerns that the tensions between Russia and Ukraine could escalate further have also boosted demand for risk-free government debt. □

## Pfizer 1Q profit drops 15% due to lower sales

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Despite sharply lower expenses and taxes, Pfizer Inc.'s first-quarter profit dropped 15 percent, due to cheaper generic competition for multiple medicines and some promotion partnerships with other drugmakers ending.

The world's second-biggest drugmaker missed Wall Street's revenue expectations by \$730 million, but narrowly beat profit expectations. Its shares fell almost 3 percent in afternoon trading.

The New York-based company has seen its revenue shrink since 2011 as inexpensive copycat pills hurt sales of about 20 off-patent drugs that once brought in billions annually, particularly cholesterol fighter Lipitor, the top-selling drug of all time with peak revenue of

Utilities stocks typically pay big dividends and have been popular with investors as bond yields have fallen this year, said Kristina Hooper, U.S. investment strategist

nearly \$13 billion.

According to Pfizer, "the vast majority" of generic competition will be over by the end of 2015.

Meanwhile, Pfizer said it's

reviewing its options after British rival AstraZeneca PLC on Friday rejected Pfizer's third acquisition proposal, this time for about \$106 billion. Pfizer has been trying



The Pfizer logo is displayed on the exterior of a former Pfizer factory, Sunday, May 4, 2014, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. The pharmaceutical giant said, Monday, May 5, 2014, that their first-quarter profit dropped 15 percent due to cheaper generic competition continuing to reduce sales of multiple medicines and the end of some partnerships promoting other companies' medicines.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

since January to get AstraZeneca to discuss a deal that would include Pfizer moving its official domicile —but not its corporate offices — to London, a move that would reduce Pfizer's income tax rate.

The maker of Viagra said net income was \$2.33 billion, or 36 cents per share, for January through March, down from \$2.75 billion, or 38 cents per share, a year earlier. Excluding one-time charges, income was 57 cents per share, two cents less than analysts expected. Revenue totaled \$11.35 billion, down 9 percent. Analysts expected \$12.08 billion.

Among Pfizer's top sellers, sales rose 8 percent to \$1.15 billion for pain and fibromyalgia treatment Lyrica and 4 percent to \$914 million for immune disorder drug Enbrel. □

## Target gives CEO the boot in wake of security breach

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**NEW YORK (AP)** — Target's

CEO has become the first boss of a major corporation to lose his job over a breach of customer data, showing how responsibility for computer security now reaches right to the top.

Gregg Steinhafel, who was also president and chairman, stepped down nearly five months after Target disclosed a huge pre-Christmas breach in which hackers stole millions of customers' credit- and debit-card records. The theft badly damaged the store chain's reputation and profits.

Steinhafel, a 35-year veteran of the company and chief executive since 2008, also resigned from the board of directors, Target announced Monday.

"He was the public face of the breach. The company struggled to recover from it," said Cynthia Larose, chair of the privacy and security practice at the law firm Mintz Levin. "It's a new era for boards to take a proactive role in understanding what the risks are."

The departure of Steinhafel, 59, suggests the company wants a clean slate as it wrestles with the fallout. But the resignation leaves a leadership hole at

a time when the 1,800-store chain is facing many other challenges.

The company, known for its trendy but affordable

which highlighted the flaws in Target's security system, seemed to be the final straw.

The Target board said in a

precedented ways," Steinhafel wrote in a letter to the board that was made available to The Associated Press. "From the be-



**John J. Mulligan, Target Corporation's chief financial officer and executive vice president, testifies at the Capitol in Washington. Mulligan has been appointed interim president after Target announced Monday, May 5, 2014, that Chairman, President and CEO Gregg Steinhafel is out nearly five months after the retailer disclosed the breach, which has hurt its reputation among customers and hammered its business.**

housewares and fashions, is struggling to maintain its cachet while competing with Wal-Mart and Amazon.com. Target is also grappling with a disappointing expansion into Canada, its first foray outside the U.S.

Experts say the breach,

statement that after extensive discussions with Steinhafel, they both "have decided it is the right time for new leadership at Target." The board also said that he "held himself personally accountable."

"The last several months have tested Target in un-

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite) ginning, I have been committed to ensuring Target emerges from the data breach a better company, more focused than ever on delivering for our guests." The company's stock fell more than 3 percent, or \$2.14, to close at \$59.87. Chief Financial Officer

John Mulligan was named interim president and CEO. Under Steinhafel's leadership, Target won praise for its expansion into fresh groceries and its 5 percent discount for customers who use its branded debit and credit cards. In 2009, he defended the company against a proxy fight waged by hedge fund manager William Ackman, who was pushing his own candidates for the board. But Target, based in Minneapolis, has been criticized for reacting too slowly to the shift toward shopping on mobile devices. Target just started to let shoppers order items online and pick them up at the store, years later than some competitors. Analysts also say Target botched its Canadian expansion by moving too aggressively. The company opened about 120 stores in the latest year and lost nearly \$1 billion in the Canadian business.

On Dec. 19, Target disclosed a breach of 40 million credit and debit card accounts over a nearly three-week period before Christmas. Then on Jan. 10, the company said hackers also stole personal information — including names, phone numbers, and email and mailing addresses — from as many as 70 million customers. □

## Buffett defends how he runs Berkshire Hathaway

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AP Business Writer

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP)** — Warren Buffett remains confident in the long-term future of his company, and on Monday he again defended the quiet way he handled his objections to Coca-Cola's compensation plan.

Buffett appeared on CNBC and Fox Business Network after spending the weekend meeting with shareholders of his Berkshire Hathaway conglomerate.

Critics who think it would be best to break apart Berkshire's 80-odd subsidiaries to make them easier to manage are wrong, he said.

"There are real advantag-

es to having the company together," he said.

Over the past 50 years, Buffett has grown Berkshire Hathaway from a floundering New England textile mill into a wide-ranging conglomerate that employs more than 330,000 people.

One of Berkshire's key advantages is its ability to shift money between its subsidiaries or invest it elsewhere to generate the best returns, Buffett said.

He is regarded as one of the best at deciding where capital should be used, and Buffett said Berkshire's board won't pick a CEO that isn't terrific at allocating capital.

The 83-year-old Buffett says

he doesn't intend to retire, but Berkshire is nonetheless planning for the day when he's no longer at the helm. The company plans to split his job into three parts — chief executive officer, chairman and several investment managers.

Buffett said again Monday that all of the current CEO candidates are men who already work at Berkshire and understand the company's culture. Buffett said his successor will do some things differently, but won't change Berkshire's key principles.

"We're a certain type of business," Buffett said. "That's not the only way to run things, but it is the way we run things at Berkshire.

And I can't imagine a successor changing that in a material way."

As the biggest shareholder in Coca-Cola Co., Berkshire had the opportunity to have a major influence on last month's vote on an executive compensation plan that Buffett called excessive.

But Buffett abstained from voting Berkshire's 400 million Coca-Cola shares on the compensation plan because he didn't want to fight with the company.

Then he met with Coca-Cola's CEO to express his concerns.

"I'm sure we have the right leader in Muhtar Kent so we have no desire to go to war," Buffett said. "But we

did think the program was excessive."

Billionaire activist investor Carl Icahn criticized Buffett's decision not to vote against Coke's compensation plan in a separate interview on CNBC Monday and in an opinion article in Barron's.

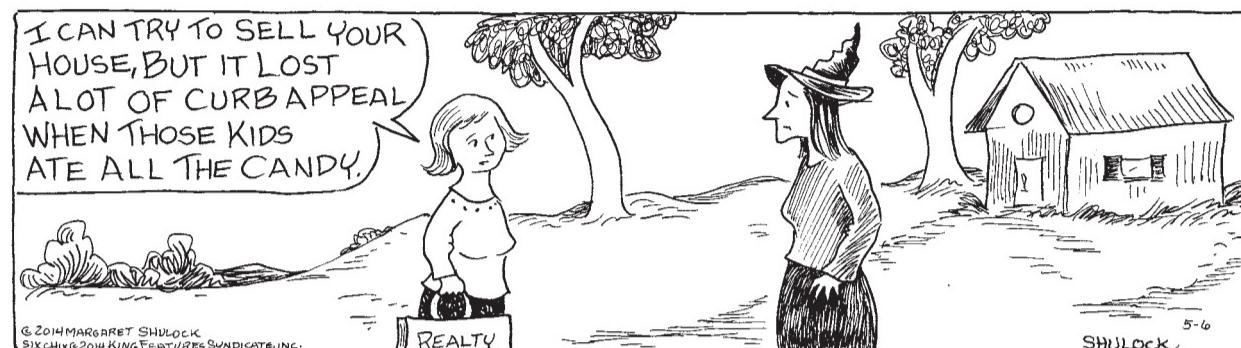
Icahn said that if Warren Buffett won't vote no because he doesn't want to offend management, how can board members be expected to stand up to CEOs?

Buffett said he believes Coca-Cola will do what's right and that his approach was the best one. He said he and Icahn, who are friends, have different approaches. □

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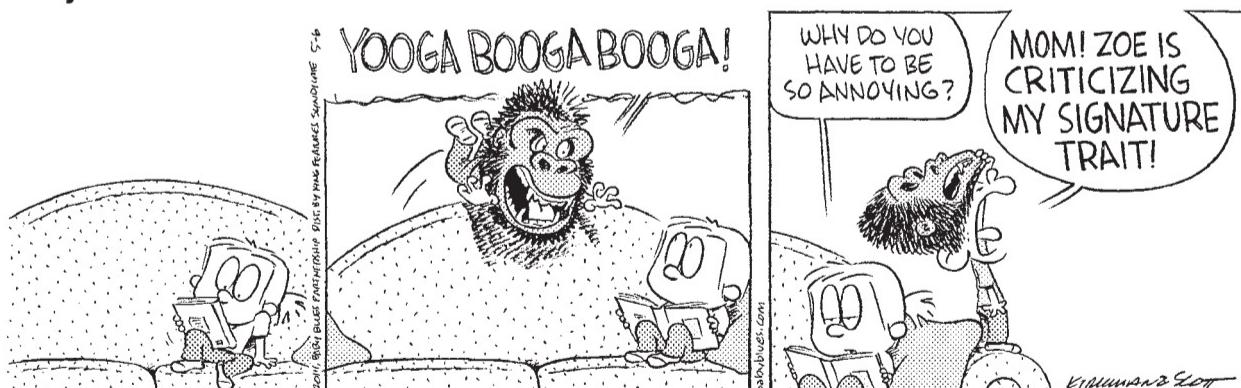
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# US to unleash tax collector on Russian banks

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**WASHINGTON (AP) — As the United States attempts to punish Russia for its actions in Ukraine, the Treasury Department is deploying an economic weapon that could prove more costly than sanctions: the Internal Revenue Service, the federal tax collecting agency.**

This summer, the U.S. plans to start using a new law that will make it more expensive for Russian banks to do business in America. "It's a huge deal," says Mark E. Matthews, a former IRS deputy commissioner. "It would throw enormous uncertainty into the Russian banking community." Long before the Ukraine crisis, Congress approved the law in 2010 to curb tax evasion that relies on overseas accounts. Now, beginning in July, U.S. banks will be required to start withholding a 30 percent tax on certain payments to financial institutions in other countries — unless those foreign banks have agreements in place to share information about U.S. account holders with the IRS. The withholding applies mainly to investment income.

Russia and dozens of other countries have been negotiating information-sharing agreements with the U.S. in an effort to spare their banks from such harsh penalties.

But after Russia annexed Crimea and was seen as stoking separatist movements in eastern Ukraine, the Treasury Department quietly suspended negotiations in March. With the July 1 deadline approaching, Russian banks are now concerned that the price of investing in the United States is about to go up.

The new law means that Russian banks that buy U.S. securities after July 1 will forfeit 30 percent of the interest and dividend payments. The withholding applies to stocks and bonds, including U.S. Treasuries. Some previously owned securities would be exempt from the withholding, but in general, previously owned stocks would not.

Private investors who use Russian financial institutions to facilitate trades also face the withholding penalty. Those private investors could later apply to the IRS for refunds, but the inconvenience would be enormous.

"It's a big problem for them," said Matthews, who is now a lawyer at Caplin & Drysdale, a tax firm based in Washington. "It decreases their competitiveness and they may have capital flight elsewhere."

The U.S. and Russia are significant trading partners, though not all transactions would be subject to withholding. Last year, the U.S. imported \$27 billion in goods from Russia, which ranked 18th among importers to the U.S., according to the Census Bureau. The U.S. exported \$11 billion in

goods to Russia. The withholding would expand in 2017, if there was still no information-sharing agreement. At that point, if investors sold stocks or bonds, U.S. banks would be required to withhold a 30 percent tax on the gross proceeds from those sales. The law would also snag big global banks with subsidiaries that don't have agreements with the IRS to share information. At first the withholding could be limited to the subsidiaries. But eventually, if any part of a large global bank refused to comply with the information-sharing requirements, the entire bank would be penalized. "That keeps an institution from deciding that it's going to register its entity in Germany but not register the entity it has in Switzer-

land," said Denise Hintzke of Deloitte Tax.

It would also provide a tremendous disincentive for large global banks to do business in countries where they can't share information with U.S. authorities. More than 50 countries have reached agreements with the U.S. to share tax information about U.S. account holders. The list includes countries famous for bank secrecy, such as Switzerland and the Cayman Islands. For Russia, the penalties could be more damaging to its economy than U.S. sanctions, said Brian L. Zimbler, managing partner of the Moscow office of Morgan Lewis, an international law firm. □

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# Final U.S. climate report will present dire picture

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Obama administration is more certain than ever that global warming is changing Americans' daily lives and will worsen — conclusions that scientists will detail in a massive federal report to be released Tuesday.

Once people thought global warming was more in the future and more of an issue in other parts of the world, but the National Climate Assessment will emphasize how the United States is already paying the multibillion-dollar price for man-made climate change, said study co-author Donald Wuebbles, a climate scientist at the University of Illinois.

"We're already seeing extreme weather and it's happening now," Wuebbles said Monday. "We're seeing more heat waves, particularly in the West and in the South."

This final report is a rewritten and shortened version of a draft that was released in January 2013, with more scientific references, reviews by experts and the public, and a thorough review by the National Academy of Sciences, said Wuebbles and report lead author Gary Yohe of Wesleyan University in Connecticut. There is even stronger evidence than in 2013, Yohe said.



This Thursday, March 13, 2014 file photo shows cracks in the dry bed of the Stevens Creek Reservoir in Cupertino, Calif.

Associated Press

The draft came out just as meteorologists calculated that 2012 was the hottest year on record for the United States, but last year was slightly cooler than the 20th century average. And in the time since the draft report was released, the United

States has seen lots of extremes.

Nineteen different state records were set for individual months, such as the hottest January in California this year.

And since the draft was released, there's been a dramatic new extreme that a good part of the country is worrying about: The drought in California, where a few rural places are in danger of running out of water.

In January 2013, none of California was in either extreme or exceptional

drought; now nearly 77 percent of the state is. It is too early to point directly at the near-record California drought as another sign of global warming, but it fits the pattern, Yohe and Wuebbles said.

The Obama administration will likely use the 840-page report as scientific justification to reduce emissions of heat-trapping gas from the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, gas and oil and to encourage local communities to adapt to changes in the climate. White House counselor John Podesta

called it "the most authoritative and comprehensive source of scientific information" on how climate change will hit all parts of the nation and the economy.

"Hundreds of the best climate scientists from across the U.S., not just in the public sector but in the private sector as well, have worked over the last four years to produce this report," Podesta said in a Monday briefing at the White House. "This assessment is about presenting actionable science." □

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This Feb. 24, 2014 file photo shows singer Miranda Lambert in Nashville, Tenn.  
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## Miranda Lambert leads CMT nominations

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)** — Thanks to her friends in country music, Miranda Lambert leads the Country Music Television nominations by pairing with her husband Blake Shelton, her girl group Pistol Annies and good friend Keith Urban. She's up for two individual awards for her video "Automatic," two for collaborating with the Annies on Shelton's song "Boys 'Round Here" and two more for her duet with Urban on "We Were Us."

Luke Bryan and Florida Georgia Line have five nominations each, and Urban and Taylor Swift are tied with four nominations. Lambert will be hard to beat this year, with three videos in the top category of Video of the Year and two in the Collaborative Video of the Year category. Voting begins Monday at CMT.com and continues until June 1. The awards show will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, on June 4. □

# Brunei's new laws affect Sultan's Hollywood ties

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AP Entertainment Writer

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Hollywood is responding to harsh new Islamic laws in the tiny Southeast Asia nation of Brunei by boycotting the Beverly Hills Hotel. The Motion Picture & Television Fund joined a growing list of organizations and individuals Monday refusing to do business with hotels owned by the sultan or government of Brunei. They're protesting the country's new Shariah criminal law that calls for punishing adultery, abortions and same-sex relationships with flogging and stoning.

The Motion Picture & Television Fund says it won't hold its annual Night Before the Oscar party at the hotel as it has for many years.

"We cannot condone or tolerate these harsh and repressive laws and as a result support a business owned by the sultan of Brunei or a Brunei sovereign fund associated with the government of Brunei," the fund's directors said in a statement.

Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, who owns the Bev-



In this photo taken Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013, Brunei's Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah speaks during the closing ceremony and handover of the ASEAN Chairmanship to Myanmar in Bandar Seri Begawan.  
Associated Press

erly Hills Hotel, has praised his country's new laws as a "great achievement."

"The decision to implement the (Shariah penal code) is not for fun but is to obey Allah's command as written in the Quran," the sultan said last week.

Brunei, a conservative country where alcohol is banned and Muslim courts already govern family affairs, began phasing in its version of Shariah that allows for penalties such as amputation for theft and stoning for adultery. Most of the punishments can be applied to non-Muslims, who account for about one-third of the 440,000

people in the oil-rich country.

The most severe punishments — flogging, amputation and stoning — are to be introduced over the next two years.

Others boycotting the Sultan's Dorchester Collection of hotels include Richard Branson's Virgin Group; the Hollywood Reporter, which traditionally holds a starry media breakfast at the Beverly Hills Hotel; and the Feminist Majority Foundation, which moved its annual Global Women's Rights Awards on Monday to the nearby Hammer Museum.

Branson tweeted over the weekend that no member of his staff would stay at any Dorchester Collection hotel "until the Sultan abides by basic human rights."

Mavis Leno, co-chair with husband Jay Leno of the Global Women's Rights Awards, said the new penalties for adultery, abortion and homosexuality in Brunei "violate international law and have no place in civilized society."

Dorchester Collection's chief executive said the hotel boycott is misdirected.

"American companies across the board are funded by foreign investment, including sovereign wealth funds," Christopher Cowdray said in a statement.

The Beverly Hills City Council is set to consider a resolution Tuesday calling on Brunei to divest its ownership of the historic hotel. □

## Book tells haunting tale of woman held for ransom

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Associated Press

A poignant new book by debut novelist Roxane Gay begins with these haunting words: "Once upon a time, in a far off land, I was kidnapped ..." Meet Mireille Duval Jameson, a Haitian-American who is held for a \$1 million ransom as her wealthy father does the unthinkable and refuses to pay up, while his daughter suffers unspeakably at the hands of her captors.

"An Untamed State" goes back and forth in time, revealing a childhood heavy with the demands of a disapproving father, a heartachingly sweet

courtship with the man who became her husband, and a woman who remains defiant even in captivity.

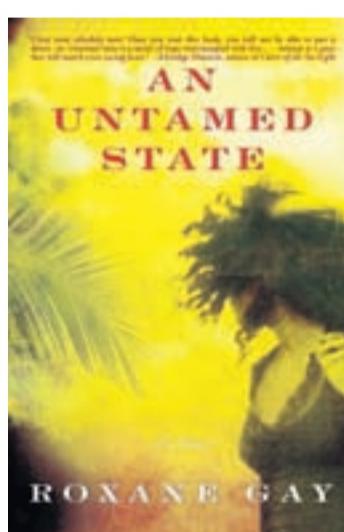
The abuse Mireille suffers is unimaginably cruel and profoundly disturbing, but Gay handles it well and it doesn't come off as gratuitous — just frighteningly realistic.

When Mireille is finally freed, her rocky adjustment harkens to that of the mother in Emma Donoghue's "Room"; even if no longer in captivity, both women are irreversibly altered by their experience. As a Haitian-American, Gay writes of her homeland beautifully, describ-

ing it in the conflicting, nuanced way that will ring familiar to Americans whose parents hail from troubled lands: "There is nowhere in the world both as beautiful and as ugly, as hopeful and as hopeless."

Her gorgeous writing is consistent throughout the novel — descriptive and evocative without being florid and overwrought.

The book also features one of the most touching relationships between a woman and her mother-in-law, each taking turns helping the other heal. The ending twist is a stretch and wholly unnecessary; that, and the unanswered



This book cover image released by Grove Press shows "An Untamed State," by Roxane Gay.  
Associated Press

question of why Mireille's father ultimately ended up paying the ransom, could have spoiled the story had the rest not been so solid. Luckily for the reader, it's a wonderful and affecting read, warts and all. □



This Nov. 2, 2013, file photo, shows hip-hop artist Nicki Minaj at the Power 105.1's Powerhouse Concert at the Barclays Center in New York.

Associated Press

## Nicki Minaj set for Roots' annual 4th of July Jam

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Nicki Minaj will head to the city of brotherly love for the Roots' annual 4th of July Jam. The rapper-singer will perform on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia on Independence Day for the free event.

Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter announced Monday at a news conference that Ed Sheeran, Jennifer Hudson and rising stars Ariana Grande and Aloe Blacc will also perform.

The Roots will work as the house band at their annual jam concert, which has previously featured Earth, Wind & Fire, John Mayer and Jill Scott.

The 4th of July Jam will air live on VH1 and Palladia and stream on VH1.com.

The Roots will release a new album, "And Then You Shoot Your Cousin," on May 19. □

## 'Vagina Monologues' to get New York run in Spanish

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** — Mexican actress Kate del Castillo is taking a star turn off-Broadway with a Spanish-language version of the "Vagina Monologues" in the same Westside Theater where Eve Ensler's work was presented in 1999.

Other Spanish-language works have been presented on the circuit, but the show opening Tuesday will be the first to play a full, if short New York season off-Broadway.

Del Castillo, who is a 41-year-old veteran of Mexican soap operas, says the monologues describe terrible violence and abuse committed against women. "And it continues being the same," the actress says.

She says that what she likes the most about the play is the intimacy of the performance.

Del Castillo will be accompanied on stage by fellow Mexican actress Angelica Maria and Puerto Rican actress Miriam Colon. □



In this Sept. 21, 2012, file photo, Mexican actress Kate del Castillo poses at the Eyegore Awards at Universal Studios Hollywood in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

## 1970s musical 'The Me Nobody Knows' explored again



This May 3, 2014 file photo shows theater director Stafford Arima at the GLAAD Media Awards in New York.

Associated Press

**MARK KENNEDY**

**AP Drama Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — One Broadway director is going back to the early 1970s to pull out a poignant, untraditional gem of a musical called "The Me Nobody Knows."

Stafford Arima said Monday he is directing an industry reading of the children-led revue May 14-15 in New York City in an-

ticipation of a commercial production. Bellanca Smigel Rutter, who helped produce "The Bridges of Madison County" and "Macbeth" with Alan Cumming, is spearheading the effort. The show — made up of songs, poetry and moments of dialogue — takes its lyrics and dialogue from the writings of nearly 200 New York City public school children, ages

7 through 18. The children express their feelings, reveal anxiety and show optimism.

"It's been weirdly chilling to hear these young people read these monologues and sing some of these songs and go, 'My goodness. Did you literally write this yesterday?'" said Arima, who will direct. "It resonates so deeply today as much as much as it did back in 1970s."

Joining Arima on the creative team will be musical director Bryan Perri ("Wicked"), and Taye Diggs, the veteran of "Rent" and TV's "Private Practice," who will handle the choreography. Arima calls the work a "moving tapestry" and "a dreamscape."

Adapted by a book, the show went from an off-Broadway theater to one on Broadway in 1970 and ran over 300 performances, starring a then-unknown Irene Cara of later "Flashdance" fame. (Donna Summer appeared in a German production.) The new reading will, appropriately, star 10 students from The Broadway Dreams Foundation, a national, nonprofit performing arts training program. None have professional experience. "There's a rawness to these young people which, to be in the room with them and this material, has been captivating."

The musical has been adapted for the stage by Robert H. Livingston and Herb Schapiro, with music by Gary William Friedman and lyrics by Will Holt. All have updated the musical to keep the material contemporary, with Friedman rearranging the songs and only a handful of references needed to be updated. "What's wonderful about the material — and this is what really surprised me — was how it wasn't etched into some pop culture reference show," he said. "The piece will be brought to a today energy and vibe." □

## Love Story



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Eight months ago, I came across a passage in a book that has haunted me since. It was in Michael Ignatieff's biography of Isaiah Berlin, and it concerns a night Berlin spent in Leningrad in 1945. Berlin was hanging out when a friend asked if he'd like to go visit Anna Akhmatova. Not knowing much about her, Berlin said yes.

Twenty years older than Berlin, Akhmatova had been a great pre-revolutionary poet. Since 1925, the Soviets had allowed her to publish nothing. Her first husband had been executed on false charges in 1921. In 1938, her son was taken prisoner. For 17 months, Akhmatova had stood outside his prison, vainly seeking news of him.

Berlin was taken to her apartment and met a woman still beautiful and powerful but wounded by tyranny and the war. At first, their conversation was restrained. They talked about war experiences and British universities. Visitors came and went.

By midnight, they were alone, sitting on opposite ends of her room. She told him about her girlhood and marriage and her husband's execution. She began to recite Byron's "Don Juan" with such passion that Berlin turned his face to the window to hide his emotions. She began reciting some of her own poems, breaking down as she described how they had led the Soviets to execute one of her colleagues.

By 4 in the morning, they were talking about the greats. They agreed about Pushkin and Chekhov. Berlin liked the light intelligence of Turgenev, while Akhmatova preferred the dark intensity of Dostoyevsky.

Deeper and deeper they talked, baring their souls. Akhmatova confessed her loneliness, expressed her passions, spoke about literature and art. Berlin had to go to the bathroom but didn't dare break the spell. They had read all the same things, knew what the other knew, understood each other's longings. That night, Ignatieff writes, Berlin's life "came as close as it ever did to the still perfection of art."

He finally pulled himself away and returned to his hotel. It was 11 a.m. He flung himself on the bed and exclaimed, "I am in love; I am in love."

Today we live in a utilitarian mo-

ment. We're surrounded by data and fast-flowing information. "Our reason has become an instrumental reason," as Leon Wieseltier once put it, to be used to solve practical problems.

The night Berlin and Akhmatova spent together stands as the beau ideal of a different sort of communication. It's communication between people who think that the knowledge most worth attending to is not found in data but in the great works of culture, in humanity's inherited storehouse of moral, emotional and existential wisdom.

Berlin and Akhmatova were from a culture that assumed that, if you want to live a decent life, you have to possess a certain intellectual scope. You have to grapple with the big ideas and the big books that teach you how to experience life in all its richness and make subtle moral and emotional judgments.

Berlin and Akhmatova could experience that sort of life-altering conversation because they had done the reading. They were spiritually ambitious. They had the common language of literature, written by geniuses who understand us better than we understand ourselves.

The night also stands as the beau ideal of a certain sort of bond. This sort of love depends on so many coincidences that it happens only once or twice in a lifetime. Berlin and Akhmatova felt all the pieces fitting amazingly into place. They were the same in many ways. There was such harmony that all the inner defenses fell down in one night.

If you read the poems Akhmatova wrote about that night, you get the impression that they slept together, but, according to Ignatieff, they barely touched. Their communion was primarily intellectual, emotional and spiritual, creating a combination of friendship and love. If friends famously confront the world side by side and lovers live face to face, Berlin and Akhmatova seemed to somehow enact both postures at once. They shared and also augmented each other's understanding.

For Berlin, this night was the most important event of his life. Akhmatova was stuck in the Soviet Union, living under a regime of manipulation, fear and lies. She suffered horrendously for it. The regime decided that she had coveted with a British spy. She was expelled from the Writer's Union. Her son was thrown into prison. She was desolated but never blamed Berlin, speaking of him fervently and writing movingly about the numinous magic of that night.

I'm old enough to remember when many people committed themselves to this sort of life and dreamed of this sort of communion - the whole Great Books/Big Ideas thing. I am not sure how many people believe in or aspire to this sort of a life today. I'm not sure how many schools prepare students for this kind of love. □



DONALD STERLING

## College, the Great Unequalizer



ROSS DOUTHAT

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No doubt by now you've finished last month's assigned reading, Thomas Piketty's "Capital in the Twenty-First Century," for our spring-semester course on Stratification in America. I'm sorry about the length (and the Amazon back-order problem), but I'm sure that the 696 pages of inheritance-data analysis and Émile Zola references flew by. And the good news is that you don't need to worry about the term paper, because my fellow Elite Media Pundits and I have written about 330,000 words on the book that you can just crib, copy and repurpose.

The other good news is that your next assignment is much shorter - only 344 pages this time. Also, it's possibly a little sexier than Piketty (his shirt-unbuttoned photos notwithstanding), with fewer equations and a little more human interest.

The title is "Paying for the Party," and the subtitle is "How College Maintains Inequality." (I can tell, you're waking up already.) The authors, Elizabeth A. Armstrong and Laura T. Hamilton, and a team of researchers embedded themselves in a freshman dormitory at an unnamed high-profile Midwestern state school and then kept up with a group of female students through college and into graduate or professional life.

Their project, as conceived, was supposed to be about sex and romance. In the end, though, it turned out to be mostly about class.

That's because what the authors discovered were the many ways in which collegiate social life, as embraced by students and blessed by the university, works to disadvantage young women (and no doubt young men, too) who need their education to be something other than a four-year-long spree. Instead of being a great equalizer, "Paying for the Party" argues, the American way of college rewards those who come not just academically but socially prepared, while treating working-class students more cruelly, and often leaving them adrift.

Much of this treatment is meted out through the power of the campus party scene, the boozy, hook-up-happy world of Greek life. This "party pathway," the authors write, is "a main artery through the university," and its allure is the reason many affluent out-of-state enrollees choose the university in question in the first place.

Such party-pathway students aren't particularly motivated academically, but because they have well-off parents and clear-enough career goals they don't necessarily need to be, and because they don't require much financial aid they're crucial to the university's bottom line. (Their college careers, the authors write, depend on "an implicit agreement between the university and students to demand little of each other.")

The party pathway's influence, though, is potentially devastating for less well-heeled students. Some, dubbed "wannabes" in the book, are pulled into a social whirl that undercuts their practical aspirations - encouraging them to change majors (from elementary education to sports broadcasting, say) to imitate their cooler peers, pushing them into sexual situations they don't know how to navigate, forcing their parents "to dig deep" for "sorority fees, spring break trips and bar tabs" and saddling them with large post-collegiate debts. Others, who can't keep up socially or fit in at all, simply end

up isolated and persistently unhappy. (Overall, the most successful working-class students were those who transferred to less-prestigious schools instead of staying at the State U.)

Because you're fresh off reading Piketty, you'll probably see some of his left-wing analysis of class stratification illustrated in this story. The party pathway is designed for the daughters of both the 1 percent and of what Piketty calls the "petits rentiers" - families that are affluent but not exorbitantly rich. And its impact on student fortunes vividly demonstrates how inherited capital can reproduce and ratify privilege, even in an institution notionally devoted to democratic virtues and the common good.

But this reading assignment, unlike "Capital," gets at a point about class hierarchies that social conservatives are more likely to appreciate. "Paying for the Party" is also a story about the socioeconomic consequences of cultural permissiveness - about what happens, who wins and who loses, when a youth culture in which the only (official) moral rule is consent meets a corporate-academic university establishment that has deliberately retreated from any moralistic, disciplinary role.

The losers are students ill equipped for the experiments in youthful dissipation that are now accepted as every well-educated millennial's natural birthright. The winners, meanwhile, are living proof of how a certain kind of libertinism can be not only an expression of class privilege, but even a weapon of class warfare. By this I mean that an upper class that practices and models bourgeois virtues - not only thrift and diligence but chastity and sobriety - will be more permeable, less self-protected and self-perpetuating, than an upper class that tells the aspirational that they can't climb the ladder unless they join the party first. Especially if no one mentions, until the tab comes due, that they'll be the only ones who really pay for it. □



This photo made on Thursday, May 1, 2014, shows a general view of Crac des Chevaliers, the world's best preserved medieval Crusader castle, in Syria. From its towering hilltop perch in western Syria, the world's best preserved medieval Crusader castle has fallen victim to the chaos of Syria's civil war as rebels fight to topple President Bashar Assad. The damage done to the majestic stone structure, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, shows that the warring sides will stop at nothing, including the destruction of the country's rich heritage, to hold on to power or territory.

(AP Photo/Dusan Vranic)

## Syria's historic Crusader castle damaged by war

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Associated Press

**HOSN, Syria (AP)** — The Crac des Chevaliers once held off a siege by the Muslim warrior Saladin some 900 years ago, but today bears the wounds of modern warfare: heavy artillery damaged its walls, an airstrike punctured its roof and shrapnel tore through its religious artifacts.

From its towering hilltop perch in western Syria, the world's best preserved medieval Crusader castle has fallen victim to the chaos of Syria's civil war as rebels fight to topple President Bashar Assad. The damage done to the majestic stone structure, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, shows that the warring sides will stop at nothing, including the destruction of the country's rich heritage, to hold on to power or territory.

Journalists from The Associated Press reconstructed the battle for Crac des Chevaliers after talking to Syrian soldiers and local residents during a rare trip by Western media to the castle since its capture by government troops in March. They talked of resi-

dents of Hosn and rebels using the castle walls as a last refuge, much like the Crusaders before them.

The Crac des Chevaliers, some 40 kilometers (25 miles) west of Homs and just north of the Lebanese border, caught the eye of a young T.E. Lawrence before he became Lawrence of Arabia. Lawrence lauded its beauty and called it one of the world's greatest castles. It dominates the surrounding valley and terraced hills below and once was one of the crown jewels of Syrian tourism before its 3-year-old conflict began.

It is like many of the country's most significant historical sites, caught in the crossfire in a conflict that activists say has killed more than 150,000 people. Some sites have been turned into military bases. Shelling has smashed historic mosques, churches and markets. Looters have stolen artifacts from excavations and museums.

About two years ago, Assad's forces identified the Sunni-populated village of Hosn as backing the rebels. They began an armed blockade that

allowed no one to leave or go inside. The government said Hosn harbored foreign, al-Qaida-linked armed insurgents who terrorized neighboring, mostly Christian villages.

"The terrorists killed and kidnapped people and even chopped off their heads," said a Syrian army officer, using the government term for the insurgents. "We had to stop them at any cost." He spoke on condition of anonymity as he wasn't authorized to speak publicly. His claim could not be independently verified and Syrian government officials accompanied AP journalists on their trip in the region.

Throughout the war, Assad's government has employed armed siege tactics with a devastating effect: shelling and starving fighters and civilians alike in opposition-held areas into submission or flight.

Under the heavy bombardment last winter, Hosn's population of around 9,000 people had nowhere to go but up the hill to the castle. Some fled to neighboring Lebanon in a daring dash through the

army blockade. Hundreds barricaded themselves inside the castle — men, women and children.

Among them were dozens of rebel fighters who occasionally lobbed mortar shells from inside the tall walls, hitting nearby Christian villages, government soldiers and locals say.

The insurgents are overwhelmingly from the country's Sunni majority. Shiite Muslims and Christian minorities have either remained neutral or supported Assad, fearing for their fate should hard-liners come to power.

Those who found shelter inside the citadel ate little food they had taken with them, or sneaked out at night to search for anything that can be cooked, including cats and dogs. For seven months, they slept in the tiny church inside a walled compound, or in huge and dark stone halls used as horse stables by the Crusaders in the 12th century.

Mattresses and blankets, together with clothes, shoes and gas cookers lay scattered on damp stone and soil floors inside the castle when AP journalists

recently visited it. Pages from a copy of the Quran fluttered in the breeze inside the church, which was turned into a mosque when Ottomans captured the fortress in the 13th century.

The villagers apparently hoped that castle's thick walls and its historic importance would prevent the Syrian army from further shelling. It didn't.

In March, during a massive government offensive against opposition strongholds on the border with Lebanon, Syrian jets unleashed a series of airstrikes. Heavy cannon fire pummeled the castle walls, with shells causing some ancient stone structures to crumble. Some of the shells ricocheted against the mighty stone structures, leaving deep marks on the historic citadel. The army did not stop there. Its tanks went house to house in the empty village, methodically destroying each.

The smell of burned rubble lingered in the air. A legless sofa stood in front of the El Hasna shoe store where looters left only empty shoe boxes. □